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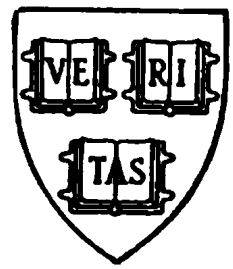

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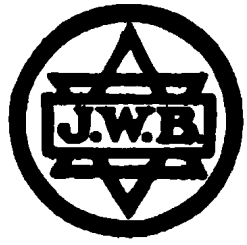

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GENESIS

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [2]Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters. [3]And God said: 'Let there be light.' And there was light. [4]And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. [5]And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

[6]And God said: 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.' [7]And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. [8]And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

[9]And God said: 'Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. [10]And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas; and God saw that it was good. [11]And God said: 'Let the earth put forth grass, herb yielding seed, and fruit-tree bearing fruit after its kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth.' And it was so. [12]And the earth brought forth grass, herb yielding seed after its kind, and tree bearing fruit, wherein is the seed thereof, after its kind; and God saw that it was good. [13]And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

[14]And God said: 'Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; [15]and let them be for lights in

the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. [16]And God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; and the stars. [17]And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, [18]and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. [19]And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

[20]And God said: 'Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let fowl fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.' [21]And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature that creepeth, wherewith the waters swarmed, after its kind, and every winged fowl after its kind; and God saw that it was good. [22]And God blessed them, saying: 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.' [23]And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

[24]And God said: 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after its kind.' And it was so. [25]And God made the beast of the earth after its kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good. [26]And God said: 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.' [27]And God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them. [28]And God blessed them; and God said unto them: 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that creepeth upon the earth.' [29]And God said: 'Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is

upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed—to you it shall be for food; [30]and to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is a living soul, [I have given] every green herb for food.' And it was so. [31]And God saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 And the heaven and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. [2]And on the seventh day God finished His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. [3]And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it; because that in it He rested from all His work which God in creating had made.

[4]These are the generations of the heaven and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.

[5]No shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground; [6]but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. [7]Then the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. [8]And the LORD God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. [9]And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. [10]And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads. [11]The name of the first is Pishon; that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; [12]and the gold of that land is good; there is bdellium and the onyx stone. [13]And the name of the second river is Gihon; the same is it that compasseth the

whole land of Cush. [14]And the name of the third river is Tigris; that is it which goeth toward the east of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. [15]And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. [16]And the LORD God commanded the man, saying: 'Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat; [17]but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'

[18]And the LORD God said: 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him.' [19]And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto the man to see what he would call them; and whatsoever the man would call every living creature, that was to be the name thereof. [20]And the man gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found a help meet for him. [21]And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the place with flesh instead thereof. [22]And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from the man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. [23]And the man said: 'This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. [24]Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh. [25]And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman: 'Yea, hath God said: Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden?' [2]And the woman said unto the serpent: 'Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; [3]but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said: Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall

ye touch it, lest ye die.'
[4]And the serpent said unto
the woman: 'Ye shall not
surely die; [5]for God doth
know that in the day ye
eat thereof, then your eyes
shall be opened, and ye
shall be as God, knowing
good and evil.' [6]And when
the woman saw that the
tree was good for food,
and that it was a delight
to the eyes, and that the
tree was to be desired to
make one wise, she took of
the fruit thereof, and did
eat; and she gave also
unto her husband with
her, and he did eat. [7]And
the eyes of them both
were opened, and they
knew that they were
naked; and they sewed
fig-leaves together, and
made themselves girdles.
[8]And they heard the voice
of the LORD God walking
in the garden toward the
cool of the day; and the
man and his wife hid
themselves from the presence of the LORD God
amongst the trees of the
garden. [9]And the LORD
God called unto the man,
and said unto him:
Where art thou?' [10]And
he said: 'I heard Thy
voice in the garden, and I
was afraid, because I was
naked; and I hid myself.'
[11]And He said: 'Who told
thee that thou wast
naked? Hast thou eaten
of the tree, whereof I
commanded thee that
thou shouldest not eat?'
[12]And the man said: 'The
woman whom Thou
gavest to be with me, she
gave me of the tree, and I
did eat.' [13]And the LORD
God said unto the woman:
'What is this thou hast
done?' And the woman
said: 'The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.'
[14]And the LORD God said
unto the serpent: 'Because
thou hast done this,
cursed art thou from
among all cattle, and from
among all beasts of the
field; upon thy belly shalt
thou go, and dust shalt
thou eat all the days of
thy life. [15]And I will put
enmity between thee and
the woman, and between
thy seed and her seed;
they shall bruise thy head,
and thou shalt bruise
their heel.'

[16]Unte the woman He
said: 'I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy
travail; in pain thou shalt
bring forth children; and
thy desire shall be to thy
husband, and he shall rule
over thee.

[17]And unto Adam He
said: 'Because thou hast
hearkened unto the voice

of thy wife, and hast
eaten of the tree, of which
I commanded thee, saying: Thou shalt not eat
of it; cursed is the ground
for thy sake; in toil shalt
thou eat of it all the days
of thy life: [18]Thorns also
and thistles shall it bring
forth to thee; and thou
shalt eat the herb of the
field. [19]In the sweat of
thy face shalt thou eat
bread, till thou return
unto the ground; for out
of it wast thou taken; for
dust thou art, and unto
dust shalt thou return.'
[20]And the man called his
wife's name Eve; because
she was the mother of all
living. [21]And the LORD
God made for Adam and
for his wife garments of
skins, and clothed them.
[22]And the LORD God
said: 'Behold, the man is
become as one of us, to
know good and evil; and
now, lest he put forth his
hand, and take also of the
tree of life, and eat, and
live for ever.' [23]Therefore
the LORD God sent him
forth from the garden of
Eden, to till the ground
from whence he was
taken. [24]So He drove out
the man; and He placed
at the east of the garden
of Eden the cherubim, and
the flaming sword which
turned every way, to keep
the way to the tree of life.

12 Now the LORD said
unto Abram: 'Get
thee out of thy country,
and from thy kindred, and
from thy father's house,
unto the land that I will
show thee. [2]And I will
make of thee a great
nation, and I will bless
thee, and make thy name
great; and be thou a
blessing. [3]And I will bless
them that bless thee, and
him that curseth thee will
I curse; and in thee shall
all the families of the
earth be blessed.' [4]So
Abram went, as the LORD
had spoken unto him; and
Lot went with him; and
Abram was seventy and
five years old when he
departed out of Haran.
[5]And Abram took Sarai
his wife, and Lot his
brother's son, and all their
substance that they had
gathered, and the souls
that they had gotten in
Haran; and they went
forth to go into the land
of Canaan; and into the
land of Canaan they
came. [6]And Abram passed
through the land unto the
place of Shechem, unto
the terebinth of Moreh.
And the Canaanite was
then in the land. [7]And

the LORD appeared unto
Abram, and said: 'Unto
thy seed will I give this
land'; and he builded
there an altar unto the
LORD, who appeared unto
him. [8]And he removed
from thence unto the
mountain on the east of
Beth-el, and pitched his
tent, having Beth-el on
the west, and Ai on the
east; and he builded there
an altar unto the LORD,
and called upon the name
of the LORD. [9]And Abram
journeyed, going on still
toward the South.

13 And Abram went up
out of Egypt, he, and
his wife, and all that he
had, and Lot with him,
into the South. [2]And
Abram was very rich in
cattle, in silver, and in
gold. [3]And he went on his
journeys from the South
even to Beth-el, unto the
place where his tent had
been at the beginning,
between Beth-el and Ai;
[4]unto the place of the altar,
which he had made there
at the first; and Abram
called there on the name
of the LORD. [5]And Lot also,
who went with Abram,
had flocks, and herds, and
tents. [6]And the land was
not able to bear them,
that they might dwell
together; for their sub-
stance was great, so that
they could not dwell to-
gether. [7]And there was a
strife between the herd-
men of Abram's cattle and
the herdmen of Lot's
cattle. And the Canaanite
and the Perizzite dwelt
then in the land. [8]And
Abram said unto Lot:
'Let there be no strife, I
pray thee, between me
and thee, and between my
herdmen and thy herd-
men; for we are brethren.
[9]Is not the whole land
before thee? separate thy-
self, I pray thee, from me;
if thou wilt take the left
hand, then I will go to the
right; or if thou take the
right hand, then I will go
to the left.' [10]And Lot
lifted up his eyes, and
beheld all the plain of the
Jordan, that it was well
watered every where, be-
fore the LORD destroyed
Sodom and Gomorrah,
like the garden of the
LORD, like the land of
Egypt, as thou goest unto
Zoar. [11]So Lot chose him
all the plain of the
Jordan; and Lot jour-
neyed east; and they
separated themselves the
one from the other.
[12]Abram dwelt in the land
of Canaan, and Lot dwelt
in the cities of the Plain,

and moved his tent as far
as Sodom. [13]Now the men
of Sodom were wicked
and sinners against the
LORD exceedingly. [14]And
the LORD said unto Abram,
after that Lot was sepa-
rated from him: 'Lift up
now thine eyes, and look
from the place where thou
art, northward and south-
ward and eastward and
westward; [15]for all the
land which thou seest, to
thee will I give it, and to
thy seed for ever. [16]And
I will make thy seed as
the dust of the earth; so
that if a man can number
the dust of the earth, then
shall thy seed also be
numbered. [17]Arise, walk
through the land in the
length of it and in the
breadth of it; for unto
thee will I give it.' [18]And
Abram moved his tent,
and came and dwelt by
the terebinths of Mamre,
which are in Hebron, and
built there an altar unto
the LORD.

22 And it came to pass
after these things,
that God did prove Abra-
ham, and said unto him:
'Abraham'; and he said:
'Here am I.' [2]And He
said: 'Take now thy son,
thine only son, whom thou
lovest, even Isaac, and
get thee into the land of
Moriah; and offer him
there for a burnt-offering
upon one of the mountains
which I will tell thee of.'
[3]And Abraham rose early
in the morning, and sad-
dled his ass, and took two
of his young men with
him, and Isaac his son;
and he cleaved the wood
for the burnt-offering, and
rose up, and went unto the
place of which God had
told him. [4]On the third
day Abraham lifted up his
eyes, and saw the place
afar off. [5]And Abraham
said unto his young men:
'Abide ye here with the
ass, and I and the lad will
go yonder; and we will
worship, and come back
to you.' [6]And Abraham
took the wood of the
burnt-offering, and laid it
upon Isaac his son; and
he took in his hand the fire
and the knife; and they
went both of them to-
gether. [7]And Isaac spoke
unto Abraham his father,
and said: 'My father.'
And he said: 'Here am I,
my son.' And he said:
'Behold the fire and the
wood; but where is the
lamb for a burnt-offer-
ing?' [8]And Abraham said:
'God will provide Him-
self the lamb for a burnt-
offering, my son.' So they

went both of them together. 9And they came
to the place which God
had told him of; and
Abraham built the altar
there, and laid the wood
in order, and bound Isaac
his son, and laid him on
the altar, upon the wood.
10And Abraham stretched
forth his hand, and took
the knife to slay his son.
11And the angel of the
LORD called unto him out
of heaven, and said:
'Abraham, Abraham.' And
he said: 'Here am I.'
12And he said: 'Lay not
thy hand upon the lad,
neither do thou any thing
unto him; for now I know
that thou art a God-fearing man, seeing thou hast
not withheld thy son,
thine only son, from Me.'
13And Abraham lifted up
his eyes, and looked, and
behold behind him a ram
caught in the thicket by
his horns. And Abraham
went and took the ram,
and offered him up for
a burnt-offering in the
stead of his son. 14And
Abraham called the name
of that place Adonai-
jireh; as it is said to this
day: 'In the mount where
the LORD is seen.' 15And
the angel of the LORD
called unto Abraham a
second time out of heaven,
16and said: 'By Myself
have I sworn, saith the
LORD, because thou hast
done this thing, and hast
not withheld thy son,
thine only son,' 17that in
blessing I will bless thee,
and in multiplying I will
multiply thy seed as the
stars of the heaven, and
as the sand which is upon
the sea-shore; and thy
seed shall possess the gate
of his enemies; 18and in
thy seed shall all the
nations of the earth
be blessed; because thou
hast hearkened to My
voice.' 19So Abraham returned unto his young
men, and they rose up
and went together to
Beer-sheba; and Abraham
dwelt at Beer-sheba.

24 And Abraham was
old, well stricken in
age; and the LORD had
blessed Abraham in all
things. 2And Abraham
said unto his servant, the
elder of his house, that
ruled over all that he had:
'Put, I pray thee, thy hand
under my thigh. 3And I
will make thee swear by
the LORD, the God of
heaven and the God of the
earth, that thou shalt not
take a wife for my son of
the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I

dwell. [4]But thou shalt go
unto my country, and to
my kindred, and take a
wife for my son, even for
Isaac.' [5]And the servant
said unto him: 'Perad-
venture the woman will
not be willing to follow
me unto this land; must
I needs bring thy son
back unto the land from
whence thou camest?'
[6]And Abraham said unto
him: 'Beware thou that
thou bring not my son
back thither. [7]The LORD,
the God of heaven, who
took me from my father's
house, and from the land
of my nativity, and who
spoke unto me, and who
swore unto me, saying:
Unto thy seed will I give
this land; He will send
His angel before thee, and
thou shalt take a wife for
my son from thence. [8]And
if the woman be not will-
ing to follow thee, then
thou shalt be clear from
this my oath; only thou
shalt not bring my son
back thither.' [9]And the
servant put his hand
under the thigh of Abra-
ham his master, and
swore to him concerning
this matter. [10]And the
servant took ten camels.
of the camels of his
master, and departed,
having all goodly things
of his master's in his
hand; and he arose, and
went to Aram-naharaim,
unto the city of Nahor
[11]And he made the camels
to kneel down without the
city by the well of water
at the time of evening,
the time that women go
out to draw water. [12]And
he said: 'O LORD, the God
of my master Abraham,
send me, I pray Thee,
good speed this day, and
show kindness unto my
master Abraham. [13]Be-
hold, I stand by the foun-
tain of water; and the
daughters of the men of
the city come out to draw
water. [14]So let it come
to pass, that the damsel
to whom I shall say: Let
down thy pitcher, I pray
thee, that I may drink;
and she shall say: Drink,
and I will give thy camels
drink also; let the same
be she that Thou hast ap-
pointed for Thy servant,
even for Isaac; and there-
by shall I know that Thou
hast shown kindness unto
my master.' [15]And it
came to pass, before he
had done speaking, that,
behold, Rebekah came
out, who was born to
Bethuel the son of Milcah,
the wife of Nahor, Abra-
ham's brother, with her
pitcher upon her shoulder.

[16]And the damsel was very
fair to look upon, a virgin,
neither had any man
known her; and she went
down to the fountain, and
filled her pitcher, and
came up. [17]And the serv-
ant ran to meet her, and
said: 'Give me to drink,
I pray thee, a little water
of thy pitcher.' [18]And she
said: 'Drink, my lord';
and she hastened, and let
down her pitcher upon her
hand, and gave him drink.
[19]And when she had done
giving him drink, she
said: 'I will draw for thy
camels also, until they
have done drinking.' [20]And
she hastened, and emptied
her pitcher into the
trough, and ran again
unto the well to draw, and
drew for all his camels.
[21]And the man looked
stedfastly on her; hold-
ing his peace, to know
whether the LORD had
made his journey pros-
perous or not. [22]And it
came to pass, as the
camels had done drinking,
that the man took a
golden ring of half a
shekel weight, and two
bracelets for her hands of
ten shekels weight of
gold; [23]and said: 'Whose
daughter art thou? tell
me, I pray thee. Is there
room in thy father's house
for us to lodge in?' [24]And
she said unto him: 'I am
the daughter of Bethuel
the son of Milcah, whom
she bore unto Nahor.'
[25]She said moreover unto
him: 'We have both straw
and provender enough,
and room to lodge in.'
[26]And the man bowed his
head, and prostrated him-
self before the LORD. [27]And
he said: 'Blessed be the
LORD, the God of my
master Abraham, who
hath not forsaken His
mercy and His truth
toward my master; as for
me, the LORD hath led me
in the way to the house
of my master's brethren.'
[28]And the damsel ran, and
told her mother's house
according to these words.
[29]And Rebekah had a
brother, and his name was
Laban; and Laban ran out
unto the man, unto the
fountain. [30]And it came
to pass, when he saw the
ring, and the bracelets
upon his sister's hands,
and when he heard the
words of Rebekah his sis-
ter, saying: 'Thus spoke
the man unto me,' that he
came unto the man; and,
behold, he stood by the
camels at the fountain.
[31]And he said: 'Come in,
thou blessed of the LORD;
wherefore standest thou

without? for I have
cleared the house, and
made room for the
camels.' [32]And the man
came into the house, and
he ungirded the camels;
and he gave straw and
provender for the camels,
and water to wash his feet
and the feet of the men
that were with him. [33]And
there was set food before
him to eat; but he said:
'I will not eat, until I have
told mine errand.' And he
said: 'Speak on.' [34]And
he said: 'I am Abraham's
servant. [35]And the LORD
hath blessed my master
greatly; and he is become
great; and He hath given
him flocks and herds, and
silver and gold, and men-
servants and maid-serv-
ants, and camels and
asses. [36]And Sarah my
master's wife bore a son
to my master when she
was old; and unto him
hath he given all that he
hath. [37]And my master
made me swear, saying:
Thou shalt not take a
wife for my son of the
daughters of the Canaan-
ites, in whose land I dwell.
[38]But thou shalt go unto
my father's house, and to
my kindred, and take a
wife for my son. [39]And I
said unto my master:
Peradventure the woman
will not follow me. [40]And
he said unto me: The
LORD, before whom I walk,
will send His angel with
thee, and prosper thy
way; and thou shalt take
a wife for my son of
my kindred, and of my
father's house; [41]then
shalt thou be clear from
my oath, when thou com-
est to my kindred; and if
they give her not to thee,
thou shalt be clear from
my oath. [42]And I came
this day unto the foun-
tain, and said: O LORD,
the God of my master
Abraham, if now Thou do
prosper my way which I
go: [43]behold, I stand by
the fountain of water;
and let it come to pass,
that the maiden that
cometh forth to draw, to
whom I shall say: Give
me, I pray thee, a little
water from thy pitcher to
drink; [44]and she shall say
to me: Both drink thou,
and I will also draw for
thy camels; let the same
be the woman whom the
LORD hath appointed for
my master's son. [45]And
before I had done speak-
ing to my heart, be-
hold, Rebekah came forth
with her pitcher on her
shoulder; and she went
down unto the fountain,
and drew. And I said

unto her: Let me drink,
I pray thee. [46]And she
made haste, and let down
her pitcher from her
shoulder, and said: Drink,
and I will give thy camels
drink also. So I drank,
and she made the camels
drink also. [47]And I asked
her, and said: Whose
daughter art thou? And
she said: The daughter
of Bethuel, Nahor's son,
whom Milcah bore unto
him. ¶ And I put the ring
upon her nose, and the
bracelets upon her hands.
[48]And I bowed my head,
and prostrated myself be-
fore the LORD, and blessed
the LORD, the God of my
master Abraham, who had
led me in the right way
to take my master's
brother's daughter for his
son. [49]And now if ye will
deal kindly and truly with
my master, tell me; and
if not, tell me; that I may
turn to the right hand,
or to the left.' [50]Then
Laban and Bethuel an-
swered and said: 'The
thing proceedeth from the
LORD; we cannot speak
unto thee bad or good.
[51]Behold, Rebekah is be-
fore thee, take her, and go,
and let her be thy master's
son's wife, as the LORD
hath spoken.' [52]And it
came to pass, that, when
Abraham's servant heard
their words, he bowed
himself down to the earth
unto the LORD. [53]And the
servant brought forth
jewels of silver, and
jewels of gold, and rai-
ment, and gave them to
Rebekah; he gave also to
her brother and to her
mother precious things.
[54]And they did eat and
drink, he and the men
that were with him, and
tarried all night; and they
rose up in the morning,
and he said: 'Send me
away unto my master.'
[55]And her brother and her
mother said: 'Let the
damsel abide with us a
few days, at the least ten;
after that she shall go.'
[56]And he said unto them:
'Delay me not, seeing the
LORD hath prospered my
way; send me away that
I may go to my master.'
[57]And they said: 'We will
call the damsel, and in-
quire at her mouth.' [58]And
they called Rebekah, and
said unto her: 'Wilt thou
go with this man?' And
she said: 'I will go.' [59]And
they sent away Rebekah
their sister, and her
nurse, and Abraham's
servant, and his men.
[60]And they blessed Re-
bekah, and said unto her:
'Our sister, be thou the

mother of thousands of ten
thousands, and let thy seed
possess the gate of those
that hate them.' [61]And
Rebekah arose, and her
damsels, and they rode
upon the camels, and fol-
lowed the man. And the
servant took Rebekah,
and went his way. [62]And
Isaac came from the way
of Beer-lahai-roi; for he
dwelt in the land of the
South. [63]And Isaac went
out to meditate in the
field at the eventide; and
he lifted up his eyes, and
saw, and, behold, there
were camels coming.
[64]And Rebekah lifted up
her eyes, and when she
saw Isaac, she alighted
from the camel. [65]And
she said unto the servant:
'What man is this that
walketh in the field to
meet us?' And the serv-
ant said: 'It is my
master.' And she took
her veil, and covered her-
self. [66]And the servant
told Isaac all the things
that he had done.

39 And Joseph was
brought down to
Egypt; and Potiphar, an
officer of Pharaoh's, the
captain of the guard, an
Egyptian, bought him of
the hand of the Ishmael-
ites, that had brought
him down thither. [2]And
the LORD was with Joseph,
and he was a prosperous
man; and he was in the
house of his master the
Egyptian. [3]And his mas-
ter saw that the LORD was
with him, and that the
LORD made all that he did
to prosper in his hand.
[4]And Joseph found favour
in his sight, and he minis-
tered unto him. And he
appointed him overseer
over his house, and all
that he had he put into
his hand. [5]And it came
to pass from the time that
he appointed him overseer
in his house, and over all
that he had, that the LORD
blessed the Egyptian's
house for Joseph's sake;
and the blessing of the
LORD was upon all that he
had, in the house and in
the field. [6]And he left all
that he had in Joseph's
hand; and, having him, he
knew not aught save the
bread which he did eat.
And Joseph was of beauti-
ful form, and fair to look
upon.

[7]And it came to pass
after these things, that
his master's wife cast her
eyes upon Joseph; and
she said: 'Lie with me.'
[8]But he refused, and said
unto his master's wife:
'Behold, my master, hav-

ing me, knoweth not what
is in the house, and he
hath put all that he hath
into my hand; 9he is not
greater in this house than
I; neither hath he kept
back any thing from me
but thee, because thou art
his wife. How then can I
do this great wickedness,
and sin against God?'
10And it came to pass, as
she spoke to Joseph day
by day, that he hearkened
not unto her, to lie by her,
or to be with her. 11And
it came to pass on a cer-
tain day, when he went
into the house to do his
work, and there was none
of the men of the house
there within, 12that she
caught him by his gar-
ment, saying: 'Lie with
me.' And he left his gar-
ment in her hand, and
fled, and got him out.
13And it came to pass,
when she saw that he had
left his garment in her
hand, and was fled forth,
14that she called unto the
men of her house, and
spoke unto them, saying:
'See, he hath brought in
a Hebrew unto us to mock
us; he came in unto me to
lie with me, and I cried
with a loud voice. 15And
it came to pass, when he
heard that I lifted up my
voice and cried, that he
left his garment by me,
and fled, and got him out.'
16And she laid up his gar-
ment by her, until his
master came home. 17And
she spoke unto him ac-
cording to these words,
saying: 'The Hebrew serv-
ant, whom thou hast
brought unto us, came in
unto me to mock me.
18And it came to pass, as
I lifted up my voice and
cried, that he left his gar-
ment by me, and fled out.'
19And it came to pass,
when his master heard
the words of his wife,
which she spoke unto him,
saying: 'After this man-
ner did thy servant to
me'; that his wrath was
kindled. 20And Joseph's
master took him, and put
him into the prison, the
place where the king's
prisoners were bound;
and he was there in the
prison. 21But the LORD
was with Joseph, and
showed kindness unto
him, and gave him favour
in the sight of the keeper
of the prison. 22And the
keeper of the prison com-
mitted to Joseph's hand
all the prisoners that
were in the prison; and
whatsoever they did
there, he was the doer of
it. 23The keeper of the
prison looked not to any

thing that was under his hand, because the LORD was with him; and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

40 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt. [2]And Pharaoh was wroth against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. [3]And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. [4]And the captain of the guard charged Joseph to be with them, and he ministered unto them; and they continued a season in ward. [5]And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream, in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were bound in the prison. [6]And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and saw them, and, behold, they were sad. [7]And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his master's house, saying: 'Wherefore look ye so sad to-day?' [8]And they said unto him: 'We have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it.' And Joseph said unto them: 'Do not interpretations belong to God? tell it me, I pray you.' [9]And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him: 'In my dream, behold, a vine was before me; [10]and in the vine were three branches; and as it was budding, its blossoms shot forth, and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes; [11]and Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.' [12]And Joseph said unto him: 'This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days; [13]within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head, and restore thee unto thine office; and thou shalt give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. [14]But have me in thy remembrance when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make men-

tion of me unto Pharaoh,
and bring me out of this
house. [15]For indeed I was
stolen away out of the
land of the Hebrews; and
here also have I done
nothing that they should
put me into the dungeon.'
[16]When the chief baker
saw that the interpreta-
tion was good, he said
unto Joseph: 'I also saw
in my dream, and, behold,
three baskets of white
bread were on my head;
[17]and in the uppermost
basket there was of all
manner of baked food for
Pharaoh; and the birds
did eat them out of the
basket upon my head.'
[18]And Joseph answered
and said: 'This is the in-
terpretation thereof: the
three baskets are three
days; [19]within yet three
days shall Pharaoh lift
up thy head from off thee,
and shall hang thee on a
tree; and the birds shall
eat thy flesh from off
thee.' [20]And it came to
pass the third day, which
was Pharaoh's birthday,
that he made a feast unto
all his servants; and he
lifted up the head of the
chief butler and the head
of the chief baker among
his servants. [21]And he
restored the chief butler
back unto his butlership;
and he gave the cup into
Pharaoh's hand. [22]But he
hanged the chief baker,
as Joseph had interpreted
to them. [23]Yet did not the
chief butler remember
Joseph, but forgot him.

41 And it came to pass
at the end of two
full years, that Pharaoh
dreamed: and, behold, he
stood by the river. [2]And,
behold, there came up out
of the river seven kine,
well-favoured and fat-
fleshed; and they fed in
the reed-grass. [3]And, be-
hold, seven other kine
came up after them out
of the river, ill-favoured
and lean-fleshed; and
stood by the other kine
upon the brink of the
river. [4]And the ill-
favoured and lean-fleshed
kine did eat up the seven
well-favoured and fat
kine. So Pharaoh awoke.
[5]And he slept and dreamed
a second time: and, be-
hold, seven ears of corn
came up upon one stalk,
rank and good. [6]And,
behold, seven ears, thin
and blasted with the east
wind, sprung up after
them. [7]And the thin ears
swallowed up the seven
rank and full ears. And
Pharaoh awoke, and, be-

hold, it was a dream.
[8]And it came to pass in
the morning that his
spirit was troubled; and
he sent and called for all
the magicians of Egypt,
and all the wise men
thereof; and Pharaoh told
them his dream; but
there was none that could
interpret them unto Pha-
raoh. [9]Then spoke the
chief butler unto Pha-
raoh, saying: 'I make
mention of my faults this
day: [10]Pharaoh was wroth
with his servants, and
put me in the ward of the
house of the captain of
the guard, me and the
chief baker. [11]And we
dreamed a dream in one
night, I and he; we
dreamed each man ac-
cording to the interpreta-
tion of his dream. [12]And
there was with us there
a young man, a Hebrew,
servant to the captain of
the guard; and we told
him, and he interpreted
to us our dreams; to each
man according to his
dream he did interpret.
[13]And it came to pass, as
he interpreted to us, so
it was: I was restored
unto mine office, and he
was hanged.' [14]Then Pha-
raoh sent 'and called
Joseph, and they brought
him hastily out of the
dungeon. And he shaved
himself, and changed his
raiment, and came in
unto Pharaoh. [15]And Pha-
raoh said unto Joseph:
'I have dreamed a dream,
and there is none that can
interpret it; and I have
heard say of thee, that
when thou[f] hearest a
dream thou canst inter-
pret it.' [16]And Joseph an-
swered Pharaoh, saying:
'It is not in me; God will
give Pharaoh an answer
of peace.' [17]And Pharaoh
spoke unto Joseph: 'In
my dream, behold, I stood
upon the brink of the
river. [18]And, behold, there
came up out of the river
seven kine, fat-fleshed
and well-favoured; and
they fed in the reed-grass.
[19]And, behold, seven other
kine came up after them,
poor and very ill-favoured
and lean-fleshed, such as
I never saw in all the
land of Egypt for badness.
[20]And the lean and ill-
favoured kine did eat up
the first seven fat kine.
[21]And when they had
eaten them up, it could
not be known that they
had eaten them; but they
were still ill-favoured as
at the beginning. So I
awoke. [22]And I saw in
my dream, and, behold,
seven ears came up upon

one stalk, full and good.
[23]And, behold, seven ears,
withered, thin, and
blasted with the east
wind, sprung up after
them. [24]And the thin
ears swallowed up the
seven good ears. And
I told it unto the magi-
cians; but there was none
that could declare it to
me.' [25]And Joseph said
unto Pharaoh: 'The
dream of Pharaoh is one;
what God is about to do
He hath declared unto
Pharaoh. [26]The seven
good kine are seven
years; and the seven
good ears are seven
years: the dream is one.
[27]And the seven lean and
ill-favoured kine that
came up after them are
seven years, and also the
seven empty ears blasted
with the east wind; they
shall be seven years of
famine. [28]That is the
thing which I spoke unto
Pharaoh: what God is
about to do He hath
shown unto Pharaoh.
[29]Behold, there come seven
years of great plenty
throughout all the land
of Egypt. [30]And there
shall arise after them
seven years of famine;
and all the plenty shall
be forgotten in the land
of Egypt; and the famine
shall consume the land;
[31]and the plenty shall not
be known in the land by
reason of that famine
which followeth; for it
shall be very grievous.
[32]And for that the dream
was doubled unto Pha-
raoh twice, it is because
the thing is established by
God, and God will shortly
bring it to pass. [33]Now
therefore let Pharaoh look
out a man discreet and
wise, and set him over the
land of Egypt. [34]Let Pha-
raoh do this, and let him
appoint overseers over
the land, and take up the
fifth part of the land of
Egypt in the seven years
of plenty. [35]And let them
gather all the food of
these good years that
come, and lay up corn
under the hand of Pha-
raoh for food in the cities,
and let them keep it.
[36]And the food shall be for
a store to the land against
the seven years of famine,
which shall be in the land
of Egypt; that the land
perish not through the
famine.' [37]And the thing
was good in the eyes of
Pharaoh, and in the eyes
of all his servants. [38]And
Pharaoh said unto his
servants: 'Can we find
such a one as this, a man
in whom the spirit of God

is?' [39]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'Forasmuch as God hath shown thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou. [40]Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than thou.' [41]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.' [42]And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. [43]And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him: 'Abrech'; and he set him over all the land of Egypt. [44]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.' [45]And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.—[46]And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.—And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. [47]And in the seven years of plenty the earth brought forth in heaps. [48]And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. [49]And Joseph laid up corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until they left off numbering; for it was without number. [50]And unto Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On bore unto him. [51]And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasseh: 'for God hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.' [52]And the name of the second called he Ephraim: 'for God hath made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.' [53]And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, came to an end. [54]And the seven years of famine

began to come, according
as Joseph had said; and
there was famine in all
lands; but in all the land
of Egypt there was bread.
[55]And when all the land
of Egypt was famished,
the people cried to Pha-
raoh for bread; and Pha-
raoh said unto all the
Egyptians: 'Go unto Jo-
seph; what he saith to
you, do.' [56]And the famine
was over all the face of
the earth; and Joseph
opened all the store-
houses, and sold unto
the Egyptians; and the
famine was sore in the
land of Egypt. [57]And
all countries came into
Egypt to Joseph to buy
corn; because the famine
was sore in all the earth.
42 Now Jacob saw that
there was corn in
Egypt, and Jacob said
unto his sons: 'Why do
ye look one upon an-
other?' [2]And he said:
'Behold, I have heard that
there is corn in Egypt.
Get you down thither, and
buy for us from thence;
that we may live, and not
die.' [3]And Joseph's ten
brethren went down to
buy corn from Egypt.
[4]But Benjamin, Joseph's
brother, Jacob sent not
with his brethren; for he
said: 'Lest peradventure
harm befall him.' [5]And
the sons of Israel came to
buy among those that
came; for the famine was
in the land of Canaan.
[6]And Joseph was the gov-
ernor over the land; he it
was that sold to all the
people of the land. And
Joseph's brethren came,
and bowed down to him
with their faces to the
earth. [7]And Joseph saw
his brethren, and he knew
them, but made himself
strange unto them, and
spoke roughly with them;
and he said unto them:
'Whence come ye?' And
they said: 'From the land
of Canaan to buy food.'
[8]And Joseph knew his
brethren, but they knew
not him. [9]And Joseph
remembered the dreams
which he dreamed of
them, and said unto them:
'Ye are spies; to see the
nakedness of the land ye
are come.' [10]And they said
unto him: 'Nay, my lord,
but to buy food are thy
servants come. [11]We are
all one man's sons; we
are upright men, thy serv-
ants are no spies.' [12]And
he said unto them: 'Nay,
but to see the nakedness
of the land ye are come.'
[13]And they said: 'We thy
servants are twelve
brethren, the sons of one

man in the land of Ca-
naan; and, behold, the
youngest is this day with
our father, and one is not.'
[14]And Joseph said unto
them: 'That is it that I
spoke unto you, saying:
Ye are spies. [15]Hereby ye
shall be proved: as Pha-
raoh liveth, ye shall not
go forth hence, except
your youngest brother
come hither. [16]Send one
of you, and let him fetch
your brother, and ye shall
be bound, that your words
may be proved, whether
there be truth in you; or
else, as Pharaoh liveth,
surely ye are spies.' [17]And
he put them all together
into ward three days. [18]And
Joseph said unto them the
third day: 'This do, and
live; for I fear God: [19]if
ye be upright men, let
one of your brethren be
bound in your prison-
house; but go ye, carry
corn for the famine of
your houses; [20]and bring
your youngest brother
unto me; so shall your
words be verified, and ye
shall not die.' And they
did so. [21]And they said
one to another: 'We are
verily guilty concerning
our brother, in that we
saw the distress of his
soul, when he besought
us, and we would not
hear; therefore is this
distress come upon us.'
[22]And Reuben answered
them, saying: 'Spoke I
not unto you, saying: Do
not sin against the child;
and ye would not hear?
therefore also, behold, his
blood is required.' [23]And
they knew not that Joseph
understood them; for the
interpreter was between
them. [24]And he turned him-
self about from them, and
wept; and he returned to
them, and spoke to them,
and took Simeon from
among them, and bound
him before their eyes.
[25]Then Joseph commanded
to fill their vessels with
corn, and to restore every
man's money into his
sack, and to give them
provision for the way;
and thus was it done
unto them. [26]And they
laded their asses with
their corn, and departed
thence. [27]And as one of
them opened his sack to
give his ass provender
in the lodging-place, he
espied his money; and,
behold, it was in the
mouth of his sack. [28]And
he said unto his brethren:
'My money is restored;
and, lo, it is even in my
sack.' And their heart

failed them, and they
turned trembling one to
another, saying: 'What is
this that God hath done
unto us?' [29]And they
came unto Jacob their
father unto the land of
Canaan, and told him all
that had befallen them,
saying: [30]'The man, the
lord of the land, spoke
roughly with us, and took
us for spies of the country.
[31]And we said unto him:
We are upright men; we
are no spies. [32]We are
twelve brethren, sons of
our father; one is not, and
the youngest is this day
with our father in the land
of Canaan. [33]And the man,
the lord of the land, said
unto us: Hereby shall I
know that ye are upright
men: leave one of your
brethren with me, and
take corn for the famine
of your houses, and go
your way. [34]And bring
your youngest brother
unto me; then shall I
know that ye are no spies,
but that ye are upright
men; so will I deliver you
your brother, and ye shall
traffic in the land.' [35]And
it came to pass as they
emptied their sacks, that,
behold, every man's bun-
dle of money was in his
sack; and when they and
their father saw their
bundles of money, they
were afraid. [36]And Jacob
their father said unto
them: 'Me have ye be-
reaved of my children:
Joseph is not, and Simeon
is not, and ye will take
Benjamin away; upon me
are all these things come.'
[37]And Reuben spoke unto
his father, saying: 'Thou
shalt slay my two sons,
if I bring him not to thee;
deliver him into my hand,
and I will bring him back
to thee.' [38]And he said:
'My son shall not go down
with you; for his brother
is dead, and he only is
left; if harm befall him
by the way in which ye
go, then will ye bring
down my gray hairs with
sorrow to the grave.'

43 And the famine was
sore in the land. [2]And
it came to pass, when they
had eaten up the corn
which they had brought
out of Egypt, that their
father said unto them:
'Go again, buy us a little
food.' [3]And Judah spoke
unto him, saying 'The
man did earnestly fore-
warn us, saying: Ye shall
not see my face, except
your brother be with you.
[4]If thou wilt send our
brother with us, we will
go down and buy thee
food; [5]but if thou wilt not

send him, we will not go down, for the man said unto us: Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you.' [6]And Israel said: 'Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother?' [7]And they said: 'The man asked straitly concerning ourselves, and concerning our kindred, saying: Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words; could we in any wise know that he would say: Bring your brother down?' [8]And Judah said unto Israel his father: 'Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go, that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. [9]I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him; if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever. [10]For except we had lingered, surely we had now returned a second time.' [11]And their father Israel said unto them: 'If it be so now, do this: take of the choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spicery and ladanum, nuts, and almonds; [12]and take double money in your hand; and the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks carry back in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight; [13]take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man; [14]and God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release unto you your other brother and Benjamin. And as for me, if I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.'

[15]And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. [16]And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house: 'Bring the men into the house, and kill the beasts, and prepare the meat; for the men shall dine with me at noon.' [17]And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. [18]And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said:

'Because of the money
that was returned in our
sacks at the first time are
we brought in; that he
may seek occasion against
us, and fall upon us, and
take us for bondmen, and
our asses.' [19]And they
came near to the steward
of Joseph's house, and
they spoke unto him at
the door of the house,
[20]and said: 'Oh my lord,
we came indeed down at
the first time to buy food.
[21]And it came to pass,
when we came to the
lodging-place, that we
opened our sacks, and, be-
hold, every man's money
was in the mouth of his
sack, our money in full
weight; and we have
brought it back in our
hand. [22]And other money
have we brought down in
our hand to buy food. We
know not who put our
money in our sacks.' [23]And
he said: 'Peace be to you,
fear not; your God, and
the God of your father,
hath given you treasure
in your sacks; I had your
money.' And he brought
Simeon out unto them.
[24]And the man brought the
men into Joseph's house,
and gave them water, and
they washed their feet;
and he gave their asses
provender. [25]And they
made ready the present
against Joseph's coming
at noon; for they heard
that they should eat bread
there. [26]And when Joseph
came home, they brought
him the present which
was in their hand into the
house, and bowed down
to him to the earth. [27]And
he asked them of their
welfare, and said: 'Is
your father well, the old
man of whom ye spoke?
Is he yet alive?' [28]And
they said: 'Thy servant
our father is well, he is
yet alive.' And they
bowed the head, and made
obeisance. [29]And he lifted
up his eyes, and saw Ben-
jamin his brother, his
mother's son, and said:
'Is this your youngest
brother of whom ye spoke
unto me?' And he said:
'God be gracious unto
thee, my son.' [30]And Jo-
seph made haste; for his
heart yearned toward his
brother; and he sought
where to weep; and he
entered into his chamber,
and wept there. [31]And he
washed his face, and
came out; and he re-
frained himself, and said:
'Set on bread.' [32]And they
set on for him by him-
self, and for them by
themselves, and for the
Egyptians, that did eat

with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. [33]And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth; and the men marvelled one with another. [34]And portions were taken unto them from before him; but Benjamin's portion was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

44 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying: 'Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. [2]And put my goblet, the silver goblet, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money.' And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. [3]As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. [4]And when they were gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward: 'Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them: Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? [5]Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby he indeed divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.' [6]And he overtook them, and he spoke unto them these words. [7]And they said unto him: 'Wherefore speaketh my lord such words as these? Far be it from thy servants that they should do such a thing. [8]Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought back unto thee out of the land of Canaan; how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? [9]With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.' [10]And he said: 'Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my bondman; and ye shall be blameless.' [11]Then they hastened, and took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. [12]And he searched, beginning at the eldest, and leaving off at the youngest; and the goblet was found in Ben-

jamin's sack. [13]Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city. [14]And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house, and he was yet there; and they fell before him on the ground. [15]And Joseph said unto them: 'What deed is this that ye have done? know ye not that such a man as I will indeed divine?' [16]And Judah said: 'What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants; behold, we are my lord's bondmen, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup is found.' [17]And he said: 'Far be it from me that I should do so; the man in whose hand the goblet is found, he shall be my bondman; but as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.'

[18]Then Judah came near unto him, and said: 'Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant; for thou art even as Pharaoh. [19]My lord asked his servants, saying: Have ye a father, or a brother? [20]And we said unto my lord: We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him [21]And thou saidst unto thy servants: Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. [22]And we said unto my lord: The lad cannot leave his father; for if he should leave his father, his father would die. [23]And thou saidst unto thy servants: Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. [24]And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. [25]And our father said: Go again, buy us a little food. [26]And we said: We cannot go down; if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us. [27]And thy servant my father said unto us: Ye know that my wife bore me two sons; [28]and the one went out from me,

and I said: Surely he is
torn in pieces; and I have
not seen him since; [29]and
if ye take this one also
from me, and harm befall
him, ye will bring down
my gray hairs with sor-
row to the grave. [30]Now
therefore when I come to
thy servant my father,
and the lad is not with
us; seeing that his soul is
bound up with the lad's
soul; [31]it will come to
pass, when he seeth that
the lad is not with us,
that he will die; and thy
servants will bring down
the gray hairs of thy
servant our father with
sorrow to the grave. [32]For
thy servant became surety
for the lad unto my father,
saying: If I bring him not
unto thee, then shall I
bear the blame to my
father for ever. [33]Now
therefore, let thy servant,
I pray thee, abide instead
of the lad a bondman to
my lord; and let the lad
go up with his brethren.
[34]For how shall I go up to
my father, if the lad be
not with me? lest I look
upon the evil that shall
come on my father.'

45 Then Joseph could
not refrain himself
before all them that stood
by him; and he cried:
'Cause every man to go
out from me.' And there
stood no man with him,
while Joseph made him-
self known unto his
brethren. [2]And he wept
aloud; and the Egyptians
heard, and the house of
Pharaoh heard. [3]And
Joseph said unto his
brethren: 'I am Joseph;
doth my father yet live?'
And his brethren could
not answer him; for they
were affrighted at his
presence. [4]And Joseph
said unto his brethren:
'Come near to me, I pray
you.' And they came
near. And he said: 'I
am Joseph your brother,
whom ye sold into Egypt.
[5]And now be not grieved,
nor angry with your-
selves, that ye sold me
hither; for God did send
me before you to preserve
life. [6]For these two years
hath the famine been in
the land; and there are
yet five years, in which
there shall be neither
plowing nor harvest. [7]And
God sent me before you to
give you a remnant on the
earth, and to save you
alive for a great deliver-
ance. [8]So now it was not
you that sent me hither,
but God; and He hath
made me a father to Pha-
raoh, and lord of all his
house, and ruler over all

the land of Egypt. [9]Hasten ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him: Thus saith thy son Joseph: God hath made me lord of all Egypt; come down unto me, tarry not. [10]And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast; [11]and there will I sustain thee; for there are yet five years of famine; lest thou come to poverty, thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast. [12]And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. [13]And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall hasten and bring down my father hither.' [14]And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. [15]And he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them; and after that his brethren talked with him.

[16]And the report thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying: 'Joseph's brethren are come'; and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. [17]And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'Say unto thy brethren: This do ye: lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; [18]and take your father and your households, and come unto me; and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. [19]Now thou art commanded, this do ye: take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. [20]Also regard not your stuff; for the good things of all the land of Egypt are yours.' [21]And the sons of Israel did so; and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. [22]To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver, and five changes of raiment. [23]And to his father he sent in like manner ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and victual for his

father by the way. [24]So
he sent his brethren away,
and they departed; and he
said unto them: 'See that
ye fall not out by the way.'
[25]And they went up out of
Egypt, and came into the
land of Canaan unto
Jacob their father. [26]And
they told him, saying:
'Joseph is yet alive, and
he is ruler over all the
land of Egypt.' And his
heart fainted, for he be-
lieved them not. [27]And
they told him all the
words of Joseph, which he
had said unto them; and
when he saw the wagons
which Joseph had sent to
carry him, the spirit of
Jacob their father revived.
[28]And Israel said: 'It is
enough; Joseph my son is
yet alive; I will go and
see him before I die.'

47 Then Joseph went in
and told Pharaoh, and
said: 'My father and my
brethren, and their flocks,
and their herds, and all
that they have, are come
out of the land of Canaan;
and, behold, they are in
the land of Goshen.'
[2]And from among his
brethren he took five men,
and presented them unto
Pharaoh. [3]And Pharaoh
said unto his brethren:
'What is your occupa-
tion?' And they said unto
Pharaoh: 'Thy servants
are shepherds, both we,
and our fathers.' [4]And
they said unto Pharaoh:
'To sojourn in the land
are we come; for there
is no pasture for thy
servants' flocks; for the
famine is sore in the land
of Canaan. Now there-
fore, we pray thee, let thy
servants dwell in the land
of Goshen.' [5]And Pharaoh
spoke unto Joseph, say-
ing: 'Thy father and thy
brethren are come unto
thee; [6]the land of Egypt
is before thee; in the best
of the land make thy
father and thy brethren
to dwell; in the land of
Goshen let them dwell.
And if thou knowest any
able men among them,
then make them rulers
over my cattle.' [7]And
Joseph brought in Jacob
his father, and set him
before Pharaoh. And
Jacob blessed Pharaoh.
[8]And Pharaoh said unto
Jacob: 'How many are
the days of the years of
thy life?' [9]And Jacob said
unto Pharaoh: 'The days
of the years of my so-
journings are a hundred
and thirty years; few and
evil have been the days
of the years of my life,
and they have not at-

tained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their sojournings.' [10]And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. [11]And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. [12]And Joseph sustained his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to the want of their little ones.

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2 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. [2]And the woman conceived, and bore a son; and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. [3]And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch; and she put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the river's brink. [4]And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. [5]And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe in the river; and her maidens walked along by the river-side; and she saw the ark among the flags, and sent her handmaid to fetch it. [6]And she opened it, and saw it, even the child; and behold a boy that wept. And she had compassion on him, and said: 'This is one of the Hebrews' children.' [7]Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter: 'Shall I go and call thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?' [8]And Pharaoh's daughter said to her: 'Go.' And the maiden went and called the child's mother. [9]And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her: 'Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages.' And the woman took the child, and nursed it. [10]And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she

called his name Moses, and said: 'Because I drew him out of the water.'
[11]And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown up, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren. [12]And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he smote the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. [13]And he went out the second day, and, behold, two men of the Hebrews were striving together; and he said to him that did the wrong: 'Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?' [14]And he said: 'Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? Thinkest thou to kill me, as thou didst kill the Egyptian?' And Moses feared, and said: 'Surely the thing is known.' [15]Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.

[16]And it came to pass in the course of those many days that the king of Egypt died; and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. [24]And God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. [25]And God saw the children of Israel, and God took cognizance of them.

3 Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the farthest end of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Horeb. [2]And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. [3]And Moses said: 'I will turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.' [4]And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said: 'Moses, Moses.' And he said: 'Here am I.' [5]And He said: 'Draw not

nigh hither; put off thy
shoes from off thy feet,
for the place whereon
thou standest is holy
ground.' [6]Moreover He
said: 'I am the God of
thy father, the God of
Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of
Jacob.' And Moses hid
his face; for he was
afraid to look upon God.
[7]And the LORD said: 'I
have surely seen the af-
fliction of My people that
are in Egypt, and have
heard their cry by reason
of their taskmasters; for
I know their pains; [8]and
I am come down to deliver
them out of the hand of
the Egyptians, and to
bring them up out of that
land unto a good land and
a large, unto a land flow-
ing with milk and honey;
unto the place of the
Canaanite, and the Hit-
tite, and the Amorite, and
the Perizzite, and the
Hivite, and the Jebusite.
[9]And now, behold, the cry
of the children of Israel
is come unto Me; more-
over I have seen the
oppression wherewith the
Egyptians oppress them.
[10]Come now therefore, and
I will send thee unto
Pharaoh, that thou may-
est bring forth My people
the children of Israel out
of Egypt.' [11]And Moses
said unto God: 'Who am
I, that I should go unto
Pharaoh, and that I
should bring forth the
children of Israel out of
Egypt?' [12]And He said:
'Certainly I will be with
thee; and this shall be
the token unto thee, that
I have sent thee: when
thou hast brought forth
the people out of Egypt,
ye shall serve God upon
this mountain.' [13]And
Moses said unto God:
'Behold, when I come unto
the children of Israel, and
shall say unto them: The
God of your fathers hath
sent me unto you; and
they shall say to me:
What is His name? what
shall I say unto them?'
[14]And God said unto
Moses: 'I AM THAT I AM';
and He said: 'Thus shalt
thou say unto the children
of Israel: I AM hath sent
me unto you.' [15]And God
said moreover unto
Moses: 'Thus shalt thou
say unto the children of
Israel: The LORD, the God
of your fathers, the God
of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of
Jacob, hath sent me unto
you; this is My name for
ever, and this is My me-

morial unto all generations. [16]Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saying: I have surely remembered you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt. [17]And I have said: I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. [18]And they shall hearken to thy voice. And thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him: The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, hath met with us. And now let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. [19]And I know that the king of Egypt will not give you leave to go, except by a mighty hand. [20]And I will put forth My hand, and smite Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in the midst thereof. And after that he will let you go.'

4 [27]And the LORD said to Aaron: 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.' And he went, and met him in the mountain of God, and kissed him. [28]And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD wherewith He had sent him, and all the signs wherewith He had charged him. [29]And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. [30]And Aaron spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. [31]And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had remembered the children of Israel, and that He had seen their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

5 And afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said unto Pharaoh: 'Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Let My people go, that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness.' [2]And Pharaoh said: 'Who is the LORD, that I should hearken unto His

voice to let Israel go? I
know not the LORD, and
moreover I will not let
Israel go.' [3]And they said:
'The God of the Hebrews
hath met with us. Let us
go, we pray thee, three
days' journey into the wil-
derness, and sacrifice unto
the LORD our God; lest He
fall upon us with pesti-
lence, or with the sword.'
[4]And the king of Egypt
said unto them: 'Where-
fore do ye, Moses and
Aaron, cause the people to
break loose from their
work? get you unto your
burdens.' [5]And Pharaoh
said: 'Behold, the people
of the land are now many,
and will ye make them
rest from their burdens?'
[6]And the same day Pha-
raoh commanded the
taskmasters of the people,
and their officers, saying:
[7]'Ye shall no more give
the people straw to make
brick, as heretofore. Let
them go and gather straw
for themselves. [8]And the
tale of the bricks, which
they did make heretofore,
ye shall lay upon them; ye
shall not diminish aught
thereof; for they are idle;
therefore they cry, say-
ing: Let us go and sacri-
fice to our God. [9]Let
heavier work be laid upon
the men, that they may
labour therein; and let
them not regard lying
words.' [10]And the task-
masters of the people
went out, and their offi-
cers, and they spoke to
the people, saying: 'Thus
saith Pharaoh: I will not
give you straw. [11]Go your-
selves, get you straw
where ye can find it; for
nought of your work shall
be diminished.' [12]So the
people were scattered
abroad throughout all the
land of Egypt to gather
stubble for straw. [13]And
the taskmasters were ur-
gent, saying: 'Fulfil your
work, your daily task, as
when there was straw.'
[14]And the officers of the
children of Israel, whom
Pharaoh's taskmasters
had set over them, were
beaten, saying: 'Where-
fore have ye not fulfilled
your appointed task in
making brick both yester-
day and to-day as hereto-
fore?' [15]Then the officers
of the children of Israel
came and cried unto Pha-
raoh, saying: 'Wherefore
dealest thou thus with thy
servants? [16]There is no
straw given unto thy serv-
ants, and they say to us:
Make brick; and, behold,
thy servants are beaten,
but the fault is in thine
own people.' [17]But he

said: 'Ye are idle, ye are
idle; therefore ye say:
Let us go and sacrifice to
the LORD. [18]Go therefore
now, and work; for there
shall no straw be given
you, yet shall ye deliver
the tale of bricks.' [19]And
the officers of the children
of Israel did see that they
were set on mischief,
when they said: 'Ye shall
not diminish aught from
your bricks, your daily
task.' [20]And they met
Moses and Aaron, who
stood in the way, as they
came forth from Pharaoh;
[21]and they said unto them:
'The LORD look upon you,
and judge; because ye
have made our savour to
be abhorred in the eyes of
Pharaoh, and in the eyes
of his servants, to put a
sword in their hand to
slay us.' [22]And Moses re-
turned unto the LORD, and
said: 'Lord, wherefore
hast Thou dealt ill with
this people? why is it that
Thou hast sent me? [23]For
since I came to Pharaoh
to speak in Thy name, he
hath dealt ill with this
people; neither hast Thou
delivered Thy people at
all.'

13 [17]And it came to pass,
when Pharaoh had let
the people go, that God
led them not by the way
of the land of the Philis-
tines, although that was
near; for God said: 'Lest
peradventure the people
repent when they see war,
and they return to Egypt.'
[18]But God led the people
about, by the way of the
wilderness by the Red
Sea; and the children of
Israel went up armed out
of the land of Egypt.
[19]And Moses took the
bones of Joseph with him;
for he had straitly sworn
the children of Israel, say-
ing: 'God will surely re-
member you; and ye shall
carry up my bones away
hence with you.' [20]And
they took their journey
from Succoth, and en-
camped in Etham, in the
edge of the wilderness.
[21]And the LORD went be-
fore them by day in a
pillar of cloud, to lead
them the way; and by
night in a pillar of fire, to
give them light; that they
might go by day and by
night: [22]the pillar of cloud
by day, and the pillar of
fire by night, departed not
from before the people.

14 And the LORD spoke
unto Moses, saying:
[2]'Speak unto the children
of Israel, that they turn
back and encamp before
Pi-hahiroth, between

Migdol and the sea, before
Baal-zephon, over against
it shall ye encamp by the
sea. [3]And Pharaoh will
say of the children of
Israel: They are entan-
gled in the land, the wil-
derness hath shut them
in. [4]And I will harden
Pharaoh's heart, and he
shall follow after them;
and I will get Me honour
upon Pharaoh, and upon
all his host; and the
Egyptians shall know that
I am the LORD.' And they
did so. [5]And it was told
the king of Egypt that the
people were fled; and the
heart of Pharaoh and of
his servants was turned
towards the people, and
they said: 'What is this
we have done, that we
have let Israel go from
serving us?' [6]And he
made ready his chariots,
and took his people with
him. [7]And he took six
hundred chosen chariots,
and all the chariots of
Egypt, and captains over
all of them. [8]And the
LORD hardened the heart
of Pharaoh king of Egypt,
and he pursued after the
children of Israel; for the
children of Israel went out
with a high hand. [9]And
the Egyptians pursued
after them, all the horses
and chariots of Pharaoh,
and his horsemen, and his
army, and overtook them
encamping by the sea, be-
side Pi-hahiroth, in front
of Baal-zephon. [10]And
when Pharaoh drew nigh,
the children of Israel
lifted up their eyes, and,
behold, the Egyptians
were marching after
them; and they were sore
afraid; and the children
of Israel cried out unto
the LORD. [11]And they said
unto Moses: 'Because
there were no graves in
Egypt, hast thou taken us
away to die in the wilder-
ness? wherefore hast thou
dealt thus with us, to
bring us forth out of
Egypt? [12]Is not this the
word that we spoke unto
thee in Egypt, saying:
Let us alone, that we may
serve the Egyptians? For
it were better for us to
serve the Egyptians, than
that we should die in the
wilderness.' [13]And Moses
said unto the people:
'Fear ye not, stand still,
and see the salvation of
the LORD, which He will
work for you to-day; for
whereas ye have seen the
Egyptians to-day, ye shall
see them again no more
for ever. [14]The LORD will
fight for you, and ye shall
hold your peace.'

[15]And the LORD said unto
Moses: 'Wherefore criest
thou unto Me? speak unto
the children of Israel, that
they go forward. [16]And
lift thou up thy rod, and
stretch out thy hand over
the sea, and divide it; and
the children of Israel shall
go into the midst of the
sea on dry ground. [17]And
I, behold, I will harden the
hearts of the Egyptians,
and they shall go in after
them; and I will get Me
honour upon Pharaoh,
and upon all his host,
upon his chariots, and
upon his horsemen. [18]And
the Egyptians shall know
that I am the LORD, when
I have gotten Me honour
upon Pharaoh, upon his
chariots, and upon his
horsemen.' [19]And the
angel of God, who went
before the camp of Israel,
removed and went behind
them; and the pillar of
cloud removed from be-
fore them, and stood be-
hind them; [20]and it came
between the camp of
Egypt and the camp of
Israel; and there was the
cloud and the darkness
here, yet gave it light by
night there; and the one
came not near the other
all the night. [21]And Moses
stretched out his hand
over the sea; and the
LORD caused the sea to go
back by a strong east
wind all the night, and
made the sea dry land
and the waters were di-
vided [22]And the children
of Israel went into the
midst of the sea upon the
dry ground; and the
waters were a wall unto
them on their right hand,
and on their left. [23]And
the Egyptians pursued,
and went in after them
into the midst of the sea,
all Pharaoh's horses, his
chariots, and his horse-
men. [24]And it came to
pass in the morning
watch, that the LORD
looked forth upon the host
of the Egyptians through
the pillar of fire and of
cloud, and discomfited the
host of the Egyptians.
[25]And He took off their
chariot wheels, and made
them to drive heavily; so
that the Egyptians said:
'Let us flee from the face
of Israel; for the LORD
fighteth for them against
the Egyptians.'

[26]And the LORD said unto
Moses: 'Stretch out thy
hand over the sea, that
the waters may come back
upon the Egyptians, upon
their chariots, and upon
their horsemen.' [27]And

Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. [28]And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, even all the host of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; there remained not so much as one of them. [29]But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. [30]Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. [31]And Israel saw the great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD; and they believed in the LORD, and in His servant Moses.

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spoke, saying:

I will sing unto the LORD, for He is highly exalted;
The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.
[2]The LORD is my strength and song,
And He is become my salvation;
This is my God, and I will glorify Him;
My father's God, and I will exalt Him.
[3]The LORD is a man of war,
The LORD is His name.
[4]Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea;
And his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea.
[5]The deeps cover them—
They went down into the depths like a stone.
[6]Thy right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
Thy right hand, O LORD, dasheth in pieces the enemy.
[7]And in the greatness of Thine excellency Thou overthrowest them that rise up against Thee;
Thou sendest forth Thy wrath, it consumeth them as stubble.
[8]And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up—
The floods stood upright as a heap;

The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.
[9]The enemy said:
'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil;
My lust shall be satisfied upon them;
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'
[10]Thou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered them;
They sank as lead in the mighty waters.
[11]Who is like unto Thee, O LORD, among the mighty?
Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness,
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?
[12]Thou stretchedst out Thy right hand—
The earth swallowed them.
[13]Thou in Thy love hast led the people that Thou hast redeemed;
Thou hast guided them in Thy strength to Thy holy habitation.
[14]The peoples have heard, they tremble;
Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.
[15]Then were the chiefs of Edom affrighted;
The mighty men of Moab, trembling taketh hold upon them;
All the inhabitants of Canaan are melted away.
[16]Terror and dread falleth upon them;
By the greatness of Thine arm they are as still as a stone;
Till Thy people pass over, O LORD,
Till the people pass over that Thou hast gotten.
[17]Thou bringest them in, and plantest them in the mountain of Thine inheritance,
The place, O LORD, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in,
The sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established.
[18]The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.

19 In the third month after the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai.
[2]And when they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped

before the mount. [3]And
Moses went up unto God,
and the LORD called unto
him out of the mountain,
saying: 'Thus shalt thou
say to the house of Jacob,
and tell the children of
Israel: [4]Ye have seen
what I did unto the Egyp-
tians, and how I bore you
on eagles' wings, and
brought you unto Myself.
[5]Now therefore, if ye will
hearken unto My voice
indeed, and keep My
covenant, then ye shall be
Mine own treasure from
among all peoples; for all
the earth is Mine; [6]and ye
shall be unto Me a king-
dom of priests, and a holy
nation. These are the
words which thou shalt
speak unto the children
of Israel.' [7]And Moses
came and called for the
elders of the people, and
set before them all these
words which the LORD
commanded him. [8]And all
the people answered to-
gether, and said: 'All that
the LORD hath spoken we
will do.' And Moses re-
ported the words of the
people unto the LORD.
[9]And the LORD said unto
Moses: 'Lo, I come unto
thee in a thick cloud, that
the people may hear when
I speak with thee, and
may also believe thee for
ever.' And Moses told the
words of the people unto
the LORD. [10]And the LORD
said unto Moses: 'Go unto
the people, and sanctify
them to-day and to-mor-
row, and let them wash
their garments, [11]and be
ready against the third
day; for the third day the
LORD will come down in
the sight of all the people
upon mount Sinai. [12]And
thou shalt set bounds unto
the people round about,
saying: Take heed to
yourselves, that ye go not
up into the mount, or
touch the border of it;
whosoever toucheth the
mount shall be surely put
to death; [13]no hand shall
touch him, but he shall
surely be stoned, or shot
through; whether it be
beast or man, it shall not
live; when the ram's horn
soundeth long, they shall
come up to the mount.'
[14]And Moses went down
from the mount unto the
people, and sanctified the
people; and they washed
their garments. [15]And he
said unto the people: 'Be
ready against the third
day; come not near a
woman.' [16]And it came to
pass on the third day,
when it was morning, that
there were thunders and
lightnings and a thick

cloud upon the mount, and
the voice of a horn ex-
ceeding loud; and all the
people that were in the
camp trembled. [17]And
Moses brought forth the
people out of the camp to
meet God; and they stood
at the nether part of the
mount. [18]Now mount
Sinai was altogether on
smoke, because the LORD
descended upon it in fire;
and the smoke thereof
ascended as the smoke of
a furnace, and the whole
mount quaked greatly.
[19]And when the voice of
the horn waxed louder
and louder, Moses spoke,
and God answered him by
a voice. [20]And the LORD
came down upon mount
Sinai, to the top of the
mount; and the LORD
called Moses to the top of
the mount; and Moses
went up. [21]And the LORD
said unto Moses: 'Go
down, charge the people,
lest they break through
unto the LORD to gaze, and
many of them perish.
[22]And let the priests also,
that come near to the
LORD, sanctify themselves,
lest the LORD break forth
upon them.' [23]And Moses
said unto the LORD: 'The
people cannot come up to
mount Sinai; for Thou
didst charge us, saying:
Set bounds about the
mount, and sanctify it.'
[24]And the LORD said unto
him: 'Go, get thee down,
and thou shalt come up,
thou, and Aaron with
thee; but let not the
priests and the people
break through to come up
unto the LORD, lest He
break forth upon them.'
[25]So Moses went down
unto the people, and told
them.

20 And God spoke all
these words, saying:
[2]I am the LORD thy God,
who brought thee out of
the land of Egypt, out of
the house of bondage.
[3]Thou shalt have no
other gods before Me.
[4]Thou shalt not make unto
thee a graven image, nor
any manner of likeness,
of any thing that is in
heaven above, or that is
in the earth beneath, or
that is in the water under
the earth; [5]thou shalt not
bow down unto them, nor
serve them; for I the LORD
thy God am a jealous God,
visiting the iniquity of the
fathers upon the children
unto the third and fourth
generation of them that
hate Me; [6]and showing
mercy unto the thou-
sandth generation of them
that love Me and keep My
commandments.

[7]Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.
[8]Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9]Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; [10]but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the LORD thy God, in it thou shalt not do any manner of work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; [11]for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
[12]Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
[13]Thou shalt not murder.
Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal.
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
[14]Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

[15]And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the voice of the horn, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled, and stood afar off. [16]And they said unto Moses: 'Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.' [17]And Moses said unto the people: 'Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before you, that ye sin not.' [18]And the people stood afar off; but Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

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19 AND the LORD spoke
unto Moses, saying:
2 Speak unto all the con-
gregation of the children
of Israel, and say unto
them:
Ye shall be holy; for I
the LORD your God am
holy. 3 Ye shall fear every
man his mother, and his
father, and ye shall keep
My sabbaths: I am the
LORD your God. 4 Turn ye
not unto the idols, nor
make to yourselves molten
gods: I am the LORD your
God.

5 And when ye reap the
harvest of your land, thou
shalt not wholly reap the
corner of thy field, neither
shalt thou gather the
gleaning of thy harvest.
10 And thou shalt not glean
thy vineyard, neither
shalt thou gather the
fallen fruit of thy vine-
yard; thou shalt leave
them for the poor and for
the stranger: I am the
LORD your God. 11 Ye shall
not steal; neither shall ye
deal falsely, nor lie one to
another. 12 And ye shall
not swear by My name
falsely, so that thou pro-
fane the name of thy God:
I am the LORD. 13 Thou
shalt not oppress thy
neighbour, nor rob him;
the wages of a hired serv-
ant shall not abide with
thee all night until the
morning. 14 Thou shalt
not curse the deaf, nor
put a stumbling-block
before the blind, but thou
shalt fear thy God: I am
the LORD. 15 Ye shall do
no unrighteousness in
judgment; thou shalt not
respect the person of the
poor, nor favour the per-
son of the mighty; but
in righteousness shalt
thou judge thy neighbour.
16 Thou shalt not go up
and down as a tale-
bearer among thy people;
neither shalt thou stand
idly by the blood of thy
neighbour: I am the LORD.
17 Thou shalt not hate thy
brother in thy heart;
thou shalt surely rebuke
thy neighbour, and not
bear sin because of him.
18 Thou shalt not take ven-
geance, nor bear any
grudge against the chil-
dren of thy people, but
thou shalt love thy neigh-
bour as thyself: I am the
LORD.

30Ye shall keep My sab-
baths, and reverence My
sanctuary: I am the LORD.
31Turn ye not unto the
ghosts, nor unto familiar
spirits; seek them not
out, to be defiled by them:
I am the LORD your God.
32Thou shalt rise up before
the hoary head, and hon-
our the face of the old
man, and thou shalt fear
thy God: I am the LORD.
33And if a stranger so-
journ with thee in your
land, ye shall not do him
wrong. 34The stranger
that sojourneth with you
shall be unto you as the
home-born among you,
and thou shalt love him
as thyself; for ye were
strangers in the land of
Egypt: I am the LORD
your God. 35Ye shall do
no unrighteousness in
judgment, in meteyard, in
weight, or in measure.
36Just balances, just
weights, a just ephah, and
a just hin, shall ye have:
I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of
the land of Egypt. 37And
ye shall observe all My
statutes, and all Mine
ordinances, and do them:
I am the LORD.

23 And the LORD spoke
unto Moses, saying:
2Speak unto the children
of Israel, and say unto
them:
The appointed seasons
of the LORD, which ye
shall proclaim to be holy
convocations, even these
are My appointed seasons.
3Six days shall work be
done; but on the seventh
day is a sabbath of solemn
rest, a holy convocation;
ye shall do no manner of
work; it is a sabbath unto
the LORD in all your dwell-
ings.
4These are the appointed
seasons of the LORD, even
holy convocations, which
ye shall proclaim in their
appointed season. 5In the
first month, on the four-
teenth day of the month
at dusk, is the LORD's
passover. 6And on the
fifteenth day of the same
month is the feast of un-
leavened bread unto the
LORD; seven days ye shall
eat unleavened bread. 7In
the first day ye shall have
a holy convocation; ye
shall do no manner of
servile work. 8And ye
shall bring an offering
made by fire unto the LORD
seven days; in the seventh
day is a holy convocation;
ye shall do no manner of
servile work.
9And the LORD spoke un-
to Moses, saying: 10Speak

unto the children of Israel,
and say unto them:
When ye are come into
the land which I give
unto you, and shall reap
the harvest thereof, then
ye shall bring the sheaf of
the first-fruits of your
harvest unto the priest.
11 And he shall wave the
sheaf before the LORD, to
be accepted for you; on
the morrow after the sab-
bath the priest shall wave
it. 12 And in the day when
ye wave the sheaf, ye
shall offer a he-lamb with-
out blemish of the first
year for a burnt-offering
unto the LORD. 13 And the
meal-offering thereof shall
be two tenth parts of an
ephah of fine flour mingled
with oil, an offering made
by fire unto the LORD for
a sweet savour; and the
drink-offering thereof
shall be of wine, the
fourth part of a hin. 14 And
ye shall eat neither bread,
nor parched corn, nor
fresh ears, until this self-
same day, until ye have
brought the offering of
your God; it is a statute
for ever throughout your
generations in all your
dwellings.
15 And ye shall count
unto you from the mor-
row after the day of rest,
from the day that ye
brought the sheaf of the
waving; seven weeks
shall there be complete;
16 even unto the morrow
after the seventh week
shall ye number fifty
days; and ye shall present
a new meal-offering unto
the LORD. 17 Ye shall bring
out of your dwellings two
wave-loaves of two tenth
parts of an ephah; they
shall be of fine flour,
they shall be baked with
leaven, for first-fruits
unto the LORD. 18 And ye
shall present with the
bread seven lambs with-
out blemish of the first
year, and one young bul-
lock, and two rams; they
shall be a burnt-offering
unto the LORD, with their
meal-offering, and their
drink-offerings, even an
offering made by fire, of
a sweet savour unto the
LORD. 19 And ye shall offer
one he-goat for a sin-
offering, and two he-
lambs of the first year for
a sacrifice of peace-offer-
ings. 20 And the priest
shall wave them with the
bread of the first-fruits
for a wave-offering before
the LORD, with the two
lambs; they shall be holy
to the LORD for the priest.
21 And ye shall make proc-

lamation on the selfsame day; there shall be a holy convocation unto you; ye shall do no manner of servile work; it is a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

[22]And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleaning of thy harvest; thou shalt leave them for the poor, and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

[23]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [24]Speak unto the children of Israel, saying:

In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial proclaimed with the blast of horns, a holy convocation. [25]Ye shall do no manner of servile work; and ye shall bring an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[26]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying:

[27]Howbeit on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; there shall be a holy convocation unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls; and ye shall bring an offering made by fire unto the LORD. [28]And ye shall do no manner of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before the LORD your God. [29]For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from his people. [30]And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any manner of work in that same day, that soul will I destroy from among his people. [31]Ye shall do no manner of work; it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. [32]It shall be unto you a sabbath of solemn rest, and ye shall afflict your souls; in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye keep your sabbath.

[33]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [34]Speak unto the children of Israel, saying:

On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. [35]On the first day shall be a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work. [36]Seven days

ye shall bring an offering made by fire unto the LORD; on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall bring an offering made by fire unto the LORD; it is a day of solemn assembly; ye shall do no manner of servile work.

[37]These are the appointed seasons of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to bring an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on its own day; [38]beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill-offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

[39]Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruits of the land, ye shall keep the feast of the LORD seven days; on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. [40]And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. [41]And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year; it is a statute for ever in your generations; ye shall keep it in the seventh month. [42]Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are home-born in Israel shall dwell in booths; [43]that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

[44]And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the appointed seasons of the LORD.

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6 [22]AND the LORD spoke
unto Moses, saying:
[23]'Speak unto Aaron and
unto his sons, saying: On
this wise ye shall bless
the children of Israel; ye
shall say unto them:
[24]The LORD bless thee,
and keep thee;
[25]The LORD make His
face to shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto
thee;
[26]The LORD lift up His
countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.
[27]So shall they put My
name upon the children of
Israel, and I will bless
them.'

DEUTERONOMY

24 [10]WHEN thou dost lend
thy neighbour any
manner of loan, thou shalt
not go into his house to
fetch his pledge. [11]Thou
shalt stand without, and
the man to whom thou
dost lend shall bring forth
the pledge without unto
thee. [12]And if he be a
poor man, thou shalt not
sleep with his pledge;
[13]thou shalt surely restore
to him the pledge when
the sun goeth down, that
he may sleep in his gar-
ment, and bless thee; and
it shall be righteousness
unto thee before the LORD
thy God.
[14]Thou shalt not oppress
a hired servant that is
poor and needy, whether
he be of thy brethren, or
of thy strangers that are
in thy land within thy
gates. [15]In the same day
thou shalt give him his
hire, neither shall the sun
go down upon it; for he
is poor, and setteth his
heart upon it; lest he cry
against thee unto the
LORD, and it be sin in thee.
[16]The fathers shall not
be put to death for the
children, neither shall the
children be put to death
for the fathers; every
man shall be put to death
for his own sin.
[17]Thou shalt not pervert
the justice due to the
stranger, or to the father-
less; nor take the widow's
raiment to pledge. [18]But
thou shalt remember that
thou wast a bondman

in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

[19]When thou reapest thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go back to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands.

[20]When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. [21]When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it after thee; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. [22]And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

25 [13]Thou shalt not have in thy bag diverse weights, a great and a small. [14]Thou shalt not have in thy house diverse measures, a great and a small. [15]A perfect and just weight shalt thou have; a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. [16]For all that do such things, even all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

29 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them:

Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; [2]the great trials which thine eyes saw, the signs and those great wonders; [3]but the LORD hath not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. [4]And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot. [5]Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink; that ye might know that I am the LORD your God. [6]And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against

us unto battle, and we
smote them. [7]And we took
their land, and gave it for
an inheritance unto the
Reubenites, and to the
Gadites, and to the half-
tribe of the Manassites.
[8]Observe therefore the
words of this covenant,
and do them, that ye may
make all that ye do to
prosper.
[9]Ye are standing this
day all of you before the
LORD your God: your
heads, your tribes, your
elders, and your officers,
even all the men of Israel,
[10]your little ones, your
wives, and thy stranger
that is in the midst of thy
camp, from the hewer of
thy wood unto the drawer
of thy water; [11]that thou
shouldest enter into the
covenant of the LORD thy
God—and into His oath—
which the LORD thy God
maketh with thee this
day; [12]that He may estab-
lish thee this day unto
Himself for a people, and
that He may be unto thee a
God, as He spoke unto
thee, and as He swore unto
thy fathers, to Abraham,
to Isaac, and to Jacob.
[13]Neither with you only
do I make this covenant
and this oath; [14]but with
him that standeth here
with us this day before
the LORD our God, and
also with him that is not
here with us this day—
[15]for ye know how we
dwelt in the land of
Egypt; and how we came
through the midst of the
nations through which ye
passed; [16]and ye have seen
their detestable things,
and their idols, wood and
stone, silver and gold,
which were with them—
[17]lest there should be
among you man, or
woman, or family, or
tribe, whose heart turneth
away this day from the
LORD our God, to go to
serve the gods of those
nations; lest there should
be among you a root that
beareth gall and worm-
wood; [18]and it come to
pass, when he heareth the
words of this curse, that
he bless himself in his
heart, saying: 'I shall
have peace, though I walk
in the stubbornness of my
heart—that the watered
be swept away with the
dry'; [19]the LORD will not
be willing to pardon him,
but then the anger of the
LORD and His jealousy
shall be kindled against
that man, and all the
curse that is written in
this book shall lie upon
him, and the LORD shall
blot out his name from

under heaven; [20]and the
LORD shall separate him
unto evil out of all the
tribes of Israel, according
to all the curses of the
covenant that is written
in this book of the law.
[21]And the generation to
come, your children that
shall rise up after you,
and the foreigner that
shall come from a far
land, shall say, when they
see the plagues of that
land, and the sicknesses
wherewith the LORD hath
made it sick; [22]and that
the whole land thereof is
brimstone, and salt, and
a burning, that it is not
sown, nor beareth, nor
any grass groweth therein,
like the overthrow of
Sodom and Gomorrah,
Admah and Zeboiim,
which the LORD overthrew
in His anger, and in His
wrath; [23]even all the na-
tions shall say: 'Where-
fore hath the LORD done
thus unto this land? what
meaneth the heat of this
great anger?' [24]then men
shall say: 'Because they
forsook the covenant of
the LORD, the God of their
fathers, which He made
with them when He
brought them forth out of
the land of Egypt; [25]and
went and served other
gods, and worshipped
them, gods that they knew
not, and that He had
not allotted unto them;
[26]therefore the anger of
the LORD was kindled
against this land, to bring
upon it all the curse that
is written in this book;
[27]and the LORD rooted them
out of their land in anger,
and in wrath, and in great
indignation, and cast
them into another land,
as it is this day.'—[28]The
secret things belong unto
the LORD our God; but the
things that are revealed
belong unto us and to our
children for ever, that we
may do all the words of
this law.

30 And it shall come to
pass, when all these
things are come upon
thee, the blessing and the
curse, which I have set
before thee, and thou shalt
bethink thyself among all
the nations, whither the
LORD thy God hath driven
thee, [2]and shalt return
unto the LORD thy God,
and hearken to His voice
according to all that I
command thee this day,
thou and thy children,
with all thy heart, and
with all thy soul; [3]that
then the LORD thy God
will turn thy captivity,
and have compassion
upon thee, and will return

and gather thee from all
the peoples, whither the
LORD thy God hath scat-
tered thee. 4If any of
thine that are dispersed
be in the uttermost parts
of heaven, from thence
will the LORD thy God
gather thee, and from
thence will He fetch thee.
5And the LORD thy God
will bring thee into the
land which thy fathers
possessed, and thou shalt
possess it; and He will do
thee good, and multiply
thee above thy fathers.
6And the LORD thy God
will circumcise thy heart,
and the heart of thy seed,
to love the LORD thy God
with all thy heart, and
with all thy soul, that
thou mayest live. 7And
the LORD thy God will put
all these curses upon
thine enemies, and on
them that hate thee, that
persecuted thee. 8And
thou shalt return and
hearken to the voice of
the LORD, and do all His
commandments which I
command thee this day.
9And the LORD thy God
will make thee overabun-
dant in all the work of
thy hand, in the fruit of
thy body, and in the fruit
of thy cattle, and in the
fruit of thy land, for good;
for the LORD will again
rejoice over thee for good,
as He rejoiced over thy
fathers; 10if thou shalt
hearken to the voice of the
LORD thy God, to keep His
commandments and His
statutes which are written
in this book of the law;
if thou turn unto the LORD
thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul.
11For this commandment
which I command thee
this day, it is not too hard
for thee, neither is it far
off. 12It is not in heaven,
that thou shouldest say:
'Who shall go up for us to
heaven, and bring it unto
us, and make us to hear
it, that we may do it?'
13Neither is it beyond the
sea, that thou shouldest
say: 'Who shall go over
the sea for us, and bring
it unto us, and make us
to hear it, that we may do
it?' 14But the word is very
nigh unto thee, in thy
mouth, and in thy heart,
that thou mayest do it.
15See, I have set before
thee this day life and
good, and death and evil,
16in that I command thee
this day to love the LORD
thy God, to walk in His
ways, and to keep His
commandments and His
statutes and His ordi-

nances; then thou shalt
live and multiply, and the
LORD thy God shall bless
thee in the land whither
thou goest in to possess
it. [17]But if thy heart turn
away, and thou wilt not
hear, but shalt be drawn
away, and worship other
gods, and serve them; [18]I
declare unto you this day,
that ye shall surely per-
ish; ye shall not prolong
your days upon the land,
whither thou passest over
the Jordan to go in to
possess it. [19]I call heaven
and earth to witness
against you this day, that
I have set before thee life
and death, the blessing
and the curse; therefore
choose life, that thou
mayest live, thou and thy
seed; [20]to love the LORD
thy God, to hearken to His
voice, and to cleave unto
Him; for that is thy life,
and the length of thy
days; that thou mayest
dwell in the land which
the LORD swore unto thy
fathers, to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob, to
give them.

31 And Moses went and
spoke these words
unto all Israel. [2]And he
said unto them: 'I am a
hundred and twenty years
old this day; I can no
more go out and come in;
and the LORD hath said
unto me: Thou shalt not
go over this Jordan. [3]The
LORD thy God, He will go
over before thee; He will
destroy these nations from
before thee, and thou shalt
dispossess them; and
Joshua, he shall go over
before thee, as the LORD
hath spoken. [4]And the
LORD will do unto them as
He did to Sihon and to
Og, the kings of the
Amorites, and unto their
land; whom He destroyed.
[5]And the LORD will deliver
them up before you, and
ye shall do unto them
according unto all the
commandment which I
have commanded you. [6]Be
strong and of good cour-
age, fear not, nor be
affrighted at them; for the
LORD thy God, He it is
that doth go with thee;
He will not fail thee, nor
forsake thee.'

[7]And Moses called unto
Joshua, and said unto him
in the sight of all Israel:
'Be strong and of good
courage; for thou shalt go
with this people into the
land which the LORD hath
sworn unto their fathers
to give them; and thou
shalt cause them to in-
herit it. [8]And the LORD,
He it is that doth go be-
fore thee; He will be with

thee, He will not fail thee,
neither forsake thee; fear
not, neither be dismayed.'
[9]And Moses wrote this
law, and delivered it unto
the priests the sons of
Levi, that bore the ark of
the covenant of the LORD,
and unto all the elders of
Israel. [10]And Moses com-
manded them, saying: 'At
the end of every seven
years, in the set time of
the year of release, in the
feast of tabernacles,
[11]when all Israel is come
to appear before the LORD
thy God in the place which
He shall choose, thou shalt
read this law before all
Israel in their hearing.
[12]Assemble the people, the
men and the women and
the little ones, and thy
stranger that is within thy
gates, that they may hear,
and that they may learn,
and fear the LORD your
God, and observe to do all
the words of this law;
[13]and that their children,
who have not known, may
hear, and learn to fear the
LORD your God, as long as
ye live in the land whither
ye go over the Jordan to
possess it.'
[14]And the LORD said
unto Moses: 'Behold, thy
days approach that thou
must die; call Joshua, and
present yourselves in the
tent of meeting that I may
give him a charge.' And
Moses and Joshua went,
and presented themselves
in the tent of meeting.
[15]And the LORD appeared
in the Tent in a pillar of
cloud; and the pillar of
cloud stood over the door
of the Tent. [16]And the
LORD said unto Moses:
'Behold, thou art about to
sleep with thy fathers;
and this people will rise
up, and go astray after
the foreign gods of the
land, whither they go to
be among them, and will
forsake Me, and break My
covenant which I have
made with them. [17]Then
My anger shall be kindled
against them in that day,
and I will forsake them,
and I will hide My face
from them, and they shall
be devoured, and many
evils and troubles shall
come upon them; so that
they will say in that day:
Are not these evils come
upon us because our God
is not among us? [18]And I
will surely hide My face
in that day for all the evil
which they shall have
wrought, in that they are
turned unto other gods.
[19]Now therefore write ye
this song for you, and
teach thou it the children

of Israel; put it in their
mouths, that this song
may be a witness for Me
against the children of
Israel. [20]For when I shall
have brought them into
the land which I swore
unto their fathers, flowing
with milk and honey; and
they shall have eaten their
fill, and waxen fat; and
turned unto other gods,
and served them, and
despised Me, and broken
My covenant; [21]then it
shall come to pass, when
many evils and troubles
are come upon them, that
this song shall testify be-
fore them as a witness;
for it shall not be for-
gotten out of the mouths
of their seed; for I know
their imagination how
they do even now, before
I have brought them into
the land which I swore.'
[22]So Moses wrote this song
the same day, and taught
it the children of Israel.
[23]And he gave Joshua the
son of Nun a charge, and
said: 'Be strong and of
good courage; for thou
shalt bring the children of
Israel into the land which
I swore unto them; and I
will be with thee.'

[24]And it came to pass,
when Moses had made an
end of writing the words
of this law in a book, until
they were finished, [25]that
Moses commanded the
Levites, that bore the ark
of the covenant of the
LORD, saying: [26]'Take this
book of the law, and put
it by the side of the ark of
the covenant of the LORD
your God, that it may be
there for a witness
against thee. [27]For I know
thy rebellion, and thy stiff
neck; behold, while I am
yet alive with you this
day, ye have been rebel-
lious against the LORD;
and how much more after
my death? [28]Assemble
unto me all the elders of
your tribes, and your
officers, that I may speak
these words in their ears,
and call heaven and earth
to witness against them.
[29]For I know that after my
death ye will in any wise
deal corruptly, and turn
aside from the way which
I have commanded you;
and evil will befall you in
the end of days; because
ye will do that which is
evil in the sight of the
LORD, to provoke Him
through the work of your
hands.' [30]And Moses spoke
in the ears of all the as-
sembly of Israel the words
of this song, until they
were finished:

32 Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak;
And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain,
My speech shall distil as the dew;
As the small rain upon the tender grass,
And as the showers upon the herb.
3 For I will proclaim the name of the LORD;
Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 The Rock, His work is perfect;
For all His ways are justice;
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
Just and right is He.
5 Is corruption His? No; His children's is the blemish;
A generation crooked and perverse.
6 Do ye thus requite the LORD,
O foolish people and unwise?
Is not He thy father that hath gotten thee?
Hath He not made thee, and established thee?

7 Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations;
Ask thy father, and he will declare unto thee.
Thine elders, and they will tell thee.
8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,
When He separated the children of men,
He set the borders of the peoples
According to the number of the children of Israel.
9 For the portion of the LORD is His people,
Jacob the lot of His inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land,
And in the waste, a howling wilderness;
He compassed him about, He cared for him,
He kept him as the apple of His eye,
11 As an eagle that stirreth up her nest,
Hovereth over her young,
Spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them,
Beareth them on her pinions—
12 The LORD alone did lead him,

And there was no strange god with Him.

[13]He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
And he did eat the fruitage of the field;
And He made him to suck honey out of the crag,
And oil out of the flinty rock;
[14]Curd of kine, and milk of sheep,
With fat of lambs,
And rams of the breed of Bashan, and he-goats,
With the kidney-fat of wheat;
And of the blood of the grape thou drankest foaming wine.

[15]But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked—
Thou didst wax fat, thou didst grow thick, thou didst become gross—
And he forsook God who made him,
And contemned the Rock of his salvation.
[16]They roused Him to jealousy with strange gods,
With abominations did they provoke Him.
[17]They sacrificed unto demons, no-gods,
Gods that they knew not,
New gods that came up of late,
Which your fathers dreaded not.
[18]Of the Rock that begot thee thou wast unmindful,
And didst forget God that bore thee.

[19]And the LORD saw, and spurned,
Because of the provoking of His sons and His daughters.
[20]And He said: I will hide My face from them,
I will see what their end shall be;
For they are a very froward generation,
Children in whom is no faithfulness.
[21]They have roused Me to jealousy with a no-god;
They have provoked Me with their vanities;
And I will rouse them to jealousy with a no-people;
I will provoke them with a vile nation.
[22]For a fire is kindled in My nostril,

And burneth unto the depths of the nether-world,
And devoureth the earth with her produce,
And setteth ablaze the foundations of the mountains.

[22]I will heap evils upon them;
I will spend Mine arrows upon them;
[24]The wasting of hunger, and the devouring of the fiery bolt,
And bitter destruction;
And the teeth of beasts will I send upon them,
With the venom of crawling things of the dust.
[25]Without shall the sword bereave,
And in the chambers terror;
Slaying both young man and virgin,
The suckling with the man of gray hairs.

[26]I thought I would make an end of them,
I would make their memory cease from among men;
[27]Were it not that I dreaded the enemy's provocation,
Lest their adversaries should misdeem,
Lest they should say: Our hand is exalted,
And not the LORD hath wrought all this.'

[28]For they are a nation void of counsel,
And there is no understanding in them.
[29]If they were wise, they would understand this,
They would discern their latter end.
[30]How should one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,
Except their Rock had given them over,
And the LORD had delivered them up?
[31]For their rock is not as our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves being judges.
[32]For their vine is of the vine of Sodom,
And of the fields of Gomorrah;
Their grapes are grapes of gall,
Their clusters are bitter;
[33]Their wine is the venom of serpents,
And the cruel poison of asps.

[34]Is not this laid up in store with Me,
Sealed up in My treasuries?

35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense,
Against the time when their foot shall slip;
For the day of their calamity is at hand,
And the things that are to come upon them shall make haste.

36 For the LORD will judge His people,
And repent Himself for His servants;
When He seeth that their stay is gone,
And there is none remaining, shut up or left at large.
37 And it is said: Where are their gods,
The rock in whom they trusted;
38 Who did eat the fat of their sacrifices,
And drank the wine of their drink-offering?
Let him rise up and help you,
Let him be your protection.

39 See now that I, even I, am He,
And there is no god with Me;
I kill, and I make alive;
I have wounded, and I heal;
And there is none that can deliver out of My hand.

40 For I lift up My hand to heaven,
And say: As I live for ever,
41 If I whet My glittering sword,
And My hand take hold on judgment;
I will render vengeance to Mine adversaries,
And will recompense them that hate Me.
42 I will make Mine arrows drunk with blood,
And My sword shall devour flesh;
With the blood of the slain and the captives,
From the long-haired heads of the enemy.'

43 Sing aloud, O ye nations of His people;
For He doth avenge the blood of His servants,
And doth render vengeance to His adversaries,
And doth make expiation for the land of His people.

44 And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. 45 And when Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel, 46 he said unto them: 'Set your heart

unto all the words wherewith I testify against you this day; that ye may charge your children therewith to observe to do all the words of this law. [47]For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing ye shall prolong your days upon the land, whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.'

[48]And the LORD spoke unto Moses that selfsame day, saying: [49]'Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession; [50]and die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people. [51]Because ye trespassed against Me in the midst of the children of Israel at the waters of Meribath-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified Me not in the midst of the children of Israel. [52]For thou shalt see the land afar off; but thou shalt not go thither into the land which I give the children of Israel.'

33 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. [2]And he said:

The LORD came from Sinai,
And rose from Seir unto them;
He shined forth from mount Paran,
And He came from the myriads holy,
At His right hand was a fiery law unto them.
[3]Yea, He loveth the peoples,
All His holy ones—they are in Thy hand;
And they sit down at Thy feet,
Receiving of Thy words.
[4]Moses commanded us a law,
An inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.
[5]And there was a king in Jeshurun,
When the heads of the people were gathered,
All the tribes of Israel together.

[6]Let Reuben live, and not die
In that his men become few.

[7]And this for Judah,
and he said:
Hear, LORD, the voice of
Judah,
And bring him in unto
his people;
His hands shall contend
for him,
And Thou shalt be a
help against his adversaries.

[8]And of Levi he said:
Thy Thummim and Thy
Urim be with Thy
holy one,
Whom Thou didst prove
at Massah,
With whom Thou didst
strive at the waters
of Meribah;
[9]Who said of his father,
and of his mother: 'I
have not seen him';
Neither did he acknowledge his brethren,
Nor knew he his own
children;
For they have observed
Thy word,
And keep Thy covenant.
[10]They shall teach Jacob
Thine ordinances,
And Israel Thy law;
They shall put incense
before Thee,
And whole burnt-offering upon Thine altar.
[11]Bless, LORD, his substance,
And accept the work of
his hands;
Smite through the loins
of them that rise up
against him,
And of them that hate
him, that they rise not
again.

[12]Of Benjamin he said:
The beloved of the LORD
shall dwell in safety
by Him;
He covereth him all the
day,
And He dwelleth between his shoulders.

[13]And of Joseph he
said:
Blessed of the LORD be
his land;
For the precious things
of heaven, for the
dew,
And for the deep that
coucheth beneath,
[14]And for the precious
things of the fruits of
the sun,
And for the precious
things of the yield of
the moons,
[15]And for the tops of the
ancient mountains,
And for the precious
things of the everlasting hills,
[16]And for the precious
things of the earth
and the fulness thereof,

And the good will of
Him that dwelt in the
bush;
Let the blessing come
upon the head of
Joseph,
And upon the crown of
the head of him that
is prince among his
brethren.
17 His firstling bullock,
majesty is his;
And his horns are the
horns of the wild-ox;
With them he shall gore
the peoples all of
them, even the ends
of the earth;
And they are the ten
thousands of Ephraim,
And they are the thou-
sands of Manasseh.

18 And of Zebulun he
said:
Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy
going out,
And, Issachar, in thy
tents.
19 They shall call peoples
unto the mountain;
There shall they offer
sacrifices of right-
eousness;
For they shall suck the
abundance of the seas,
And the hidden treas-
ures of the sand.

20 And of Gad he said:
Blessed be He that en-
largeth Gad;
He dwelleth as a lioness,
And teareth the arm,
yea, the crown of the
head.
21 And he chose a first
part for himself,
For there a portion of a
ruler was reserved;
And there came the
heads of the people,
He executed the right-
eousness of the LORD,
And His ordinances
with Israel.

22 And of Dan he said:
Dan is a lion's whelp,
That leapeth forth from
Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali he
said:
O Naphtali, satisfied
with favour,
And full with the bless-
ing of the LORD:
Possess thou the sea
and the south.

24 And of Asher he said:
Blessed be Asher above
sons;
Let him be the favoured
of his brethren,
And let him dip his foot
in oil.
25 Iron and brass shall be
thy bars;
And as thy days, so
shall thy strength be.

[26]There is none like unto God, O Jeshurun,
Who rideth upon the heaven as thy help,
And in His excellency on the skies.
[27]The eternal God is a dwelling-place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms;
And He thrust out the enemy from before thee,
And said: 'Destroy.'
[28]And Israel dwelleth in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of corn and wine;
Yea, his heavens drop down dew.
[29]Happy art thou, O Israel, who is like unto thee?
A people saved by the LORD,
The shield of thy help,
And that is the sword of thy excellency!
And thine enemies shall dwindle away before thee;
And thou shalt tread upon their high places.

34 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, even Gilead as far as Dan; [2]and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah as far as the hinder sea; [3]and the South, and the Plain, even the valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees, as far as Zoar. [4]And the LORD said unto him: 'This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying: I will give it unto thy seed; I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.' [5]So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. [6]And he was buried in the valley in the land of Moab over against Beth-peor; and no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. [7]And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. [8]And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; so the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. [9]And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had

laid his hands upon him;
and the children of Israel
hearkened unto him, and
did as the LORD com-
manded Moses. 10And
there hath not arisen a
prophet since in Israel
like unto Moses, whom
the LORD knew face to
face; 11in all the signs
and the wonders, which
the LORD sent him to do
in the land of Egypt, to
Pharaoh, and to all his
servants, and to all his
land; 12and in all the
mighty hand, and in all
the great terror, which
Moses wrought in the
sight of all Israel.

JOSHUA

1 Now it came to pass
after the death of Moses
the servant of the LORD,
that the LORD spoke unto
Joshua the son of Nun,
Moses' minister, saying:
2"Moses My servant is
dead; now therefore arise,
go over this Jordan, thou,
and all this people, unto
the land which I do give
to them, even to the
children of Israel. 3Every
place that the sole of your
foot shall tread upon, to
you have I given it, as I
spoke unto Moses. 4From
the wilderness, and this
Lebanon, even unto the
great river, the river
Euphrates, all the land of
the Hittites, and unto the
Great Sea toward the
going down of the sun,
shall be your border.
5There shall not any man
be able to stand before
thee all the days of thy
life; as I was with Moses,
so I will be with thee; I
will not fail thee, nor for-
sake thee. 6Be strong and
of good courage; for thou
shalt cause this people to
inherit the land which I
swore unto their fathers
to give them. 7Only be
strong and very coura-
geous, to observe to do
according to all the law,
which Moses My servant
commanded thee; turn
not from it to the right
hand or to the left, that
thou mayest have good
success whithersoever
thou goest. 8This book of
the law shall not depart
out of thy mouth, but thou
shalt meditate therein day
and night, that thou may-
est observe to do accord-
ing to all that is written
therein; for then thou
shalt make thy ways
prosperous, and then thou

shalt have good success.
[9]Have not I commanded
thee? Be strong and of
good courage; be not af-
frighted, neither be thou
dismayed; for the LORD
thy God is with thee
whithersoever thou goest.'
[10]Then Joshua com-
manded the officers of the
people, saying: [11]'Pass
through the midst of the
camp, and command the
people, saying: Prepare
you victuals; for within
three days ye are to pass
over this Jordan, to go in
to possess the land, which
the LORD your God giveth
you to possess it.'
[12]And to the Reubenites,
and to the Gadites, and to
the half-tribe of Ma-
nasseh, spoke Joshua, say-
ing: [13]'Remember the
word which Moses the
servant of the LORD com-
manded you, saying: The
LORD your God giveth you
rest, and will give you this
land. [14]Your wives, your
little ones, and your cattle,
shall abide in the land
which Moses gave you be-
yond the Jordan; but ye
shall pass over before
your brethren armed, all
the mighty men of valour,
and shall help them;
[15]until the LORD have given
your brethren rest, as
unto you, and they also
have possessed the land
which the LORD your God
giveth them; then ye shall
return unto the land of
your possession, and pos-
sess it, which Moses the
servant of the LORD gave
you beyond the Jordan
toward the sunrising.'
[16]And they answered
Joshua, saying: 'All that
thou hast commanded us
we will do, and whithers-
ever thou sendest us we
will go. [17]According as
we hearkened unto Moses
in all things, so will we
hearken unto thee; only
the LORD thy God be with
thee, as He was with
Moses. [18]Whosoever he be
that shall rebel against
thy commandment, and
shall not hearken unto thy
words in all that thou
commandest him, he shall
be put to death; only be
strong and of good cour-
age.'

9 And it came to pass,
when all the kings that
were beyond the Jordan,
in the hill-country, and in
the Lowland, and on all
the shore of the Great Sea
in front of Lebanon, the
Hittite, and the Amorite,
the Canaanite, the Periz-
zite, the Hivite, and the
Jebusite, heard thereof,
[2]that they gathered them-

selves together, to fight
with Joshua and with
Israel, with one accord.
3But when the inhabit-
ants of Gibeon heard
what Joshua had done
unto Jericho and to Ai,
4they also did work willily,
and went and made as if
they had been ambas-
sadors, and took old sacks
upon their asses, and
wine-skins, worn and rent
and patched up; 5and
worn shoes and clouted
upon their feet, and worn
garments upon them; and
all the bread of their pro-
vision was dry and was
become crumbs. 6And
they went to Joshua unto
the camp at Gilgal, and
said unto him, and to the
men of Israel: 'We are
come from a far country;
now therefore make ye a
covenant with us.' 7And
the men of Israel said
unto the Hivites: 'Perad-
venture ye dwell among
us; and how shall we
make a covenant with
you?' 8And they said unto
Joshua: 'We are thy serv-
ants.' And Joshua said
unto them: 'Who are ye?
and from whence come
ye?' 9And they said unto
him: 'From a very far
country thy servants are
come because of the name
of the LORD thy God; for
we have heard the fame
of Him, and all that He
did in Egypt, 10and all
that He did to the two
kings of the Amorites,
that were beyond the Jor-
dan, to Sihon king of
Heshbon, and to Og king
of Bashan, who was at
Ashtaroth. 11And our
elders and all the inhabit-
ants of our country spoke
to us, saying: Take pro-
vision in your hand for
the journey, and go to
meet them, and say unto
them: We are your serv-
ants; and now make ye
a covenant with us. 12This
our bread we took hot for
our provision out of our
houses on the day we
came forth to go unto
you; but now, behold, it
is dry, and is become
crumbs. 13And these wine-
skins, which we filled,
were new; and, behold,
they are rent. And these
our garments and our
shoes are worn by reason
of the very long journey.'
14And the men took of
their provision, and asked
not counsel at the mouth
of the LORD. 15And Joshua
made peace with them,
and made a covenant with
them, to let them live;
and the princes of the
congregation swore unto
them.

16And it came to pass
at the end of three days
after they had made a
covenant with them, that
they heard that they were
their neighbours, and that
they dwelt among them.
17And the children of Israel
journeyed, and came unto
their cities on the third
day. Now their cities
were Gibeon, and Chephi-
rah, and Beeroth, and
Kiriath-jearim. 18And the
children of Israel smote
them not, because the
princes of the congrega-
tion had sworn unto them
by the LORD, the God of
Israel. And all the con-
gregation murmured
against the princes. 19But
all the princes said unto
all the congregation: 'We
have sworn unto them by
the LORD, the God of
Israel; now therefore we
may not touch them.
20This we will do to them,
and let them live; lest
wrath be upon us, because
of the oath which we
swore unto them.' 21And
the princes said concern-
ing them: 'Let them live';
so they became hewers of
wood and drawers of
water unto all the congre-
gation, as the princes had
spoken concerning them.
22And Joshua called for
them, and he spoke unto
them, saying: 'Wherefore
have ye beguiled us, say-
ing: We are very far
from you, when ye dwell
among us? 23Now there-
fore ye are cursed, and
there shall never fail to
be of you bondmen, both
hewers of wood and
drawers of water for the
house of my God.' 24And
they answered Joshua,
and said: 'Because it was
certainly told thy serv-
ants, how that the LORD
thy God commanded His
servant Moses to give you
all the land, and to de-
stroy all the inhabitants
of the land from before
you; therefore we were
sore afraid for our lives
because of you, and have
done this thing. 25And
now, behold, we are in thy
hand: as it seemeth good
and right unto thee to do
unto us, do. 26And so did
he unto them, and de-
livered them out of the
hand of the children of
Israel, that they slew
them not. 27And Joshua
made them that day
hewers of wood and
drawers of water for the
congregation, and for the
altar of the LORD, unto
this day, in the place
which He should choose.

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, [2]and said unto them: 'Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have hearkened unto my voice in all that I commanded you; [3]ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. [4]And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as He spoke unto them; therefore now turn ye, and get you unto your tents, unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan. [5]Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave unto Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.' [6]So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went unto their tents.

[7]Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; but unto the other half gave Joshua among their brethren beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away unto their tents, he blessed them, [8]and spoke unto them, saying: 'Return with much wealth unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.'

[9]And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. [10]And when they came unto the region about the Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe

of Manasseh built there
an altar by the Jordan, a
great altar to look upon.
11And the children of
Israel heard say: 'Behold,
the children of Reuben
and the children of Gad
and the half-tribe of Ma-
nasseh have built an altar
in the forefront of the
land of Canaan, in the
region about the Jordan,
on the side that per-
taineth to the children of
Israel.' 12And when the
children of Israel heard of
it, the whole congregation
of the children of Israel
gathered themselves to-
gether at Shiloh, to go up
against them to war.
13And the children of Is-
rael sent unto the children
of Reuben, and to the
children of Gad, and to
the half-tribe of Ma-
nasseh, into the land of
Gilead, Phinehas the son
of Eleazar the priest;
14and with him ten princes,
one prince of a fathers'
house for each of the
tribes of Israel; and they
were every one of them
head of their fathers'
houses among the thou-
sands of Israel. 15And
they came unto the
children of Reuben, and
to the children of Gad,
and to the half-tribe of
Manasseh, unto the land
of Gilead, and they spoke
with them, saying: 16"Thus
saith the whole congrega-
tion of the LORD: What
treachery is this that ye
have committed against
the God of Israel, to turn
away this day from fol-
lowing the LORD, in that
ye have builded you an
altar, to rebel this day
against the LORD? 17Is the
iniquity of Peor too little
for us, from which we
have not cleansed our-
selves unto this day, al-
though there came a
plague upon the congre-
gation of the LORD, 18that
ye must turn away this
day from following the
LORD? and it will be, see-
ing ye rebel to-day
against the LORD, that to-
morrow He will be wroth
with the whole congre-
gation of Israel. 19How-
beit, if the land of your
possession be unclean,
then pass ye over unto the
land of the possession of
the LORD, wherein the
LORD'S tabernacle dwelleth,
and take possession
among us; but rebel not
against the LORD, nor
rebel against us, in build-
ing you an altar besides
the altar of the LORD our
God. 20Did not Achan the
son of Zerah commit a
trespass concerning the

devoted thing, and wrath
fell upon all the congre-
gation of Israel? and that
man perished not alone in
his iniquity.'
[21]Then the children of
Reuben and the children
of Gad and the half-tribe
of Manasseh answered,
and spoke unto the heads
of the thousands of Israel:
[22]'God, God, the LORD,
God, God, the LORD, He
knoweth, and Israel he
shall know; if it be in re-
bellion, or if in treachery
against the LORD—save
Thou us not this day
—[23]that we have built us
an altar to turn away
from following the LORD;
or if to offer thereon
burnt-offering or meal-
offering, or if to offer
sacrifices of peace-offer-
ings thereon, let the LORD
Himself require it; [24]and
if we have not rather out
of anxiety about a matter
done this, saying: In time
to come your children
might speak unto our
children, saying: What
have ye to do with the
LORD, the God of Israel?
[25]for the LORD hath made
the Jordan a border be-
tween us and you, ye
children of Reuben and
children of Gad; ye have
no portion in the LORD;
so might your children
make our children cease
from fearing the LORD.
[26]Therefore we said: Let
us now prepare to build
us an altar, not for burnt-
offering, nor for sacrifice;
[27]but it shall be a witness
between us and you, and
between our generations
after us, that we may do
the service of the LORD
before Him with our
burnt-offerings, and with
our sacrifices, and with
our peace-offerings; that
your children may not say
to our children in time to
come: Ye have no por-
tion in the LORD. [28]There-
fore said we: It shall be,
when they so say to us or
to our generations in time
to come, that we shall
say: Behold the pattern
of the altar of the LORD,
which our fathers made,
not for burnt-offering, nor
for sacrifice; but it is a
witness between us and
you. [29]Far be it from us
that we should rebel
against the LORD, and turn
away this day from fol-
lowing the LORD, to build
an altar for burnt-offer-
ing, for meal-offering, or
for sacrifice, besides the
altar of the LORD our God
that is before His taber-
nacle.'
[30]And when Phinehas the
priest, and the princes of

the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well. [31]And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh: 'This day we know that the LORD is in the midst of us, because ye have not committed this treachery against the LORD; now have ye delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD.' [32]And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them back word. [33]And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spoke no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwelt. [34]And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar—: 'for it is a witness between us that the LORD is God.'

23 And it came to pass after many days, when the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old and well stricken in years; [2]that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said unto them: 'I am old and well stricken in years. [3]And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God, He it is that hath fought for you. [4]Behold, I have allotted unto you for an inheritance, according to your tribes, these nations that remain, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun. [5]And the LORD your God, He shall thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God spoke unto you. [6]Therefore be ye very courageous to keep

and to do all that is
written in the book of the
law of Moses, that ye
turn not aside therefrom
to the right hand or to
the left; 7that ye come not
among these nations,
these that remain among
you, neither make men-
tion of the name of their
gods, nor cause to swear
by them, neither serve
them, nor worship them;
8but cleave unto the LORD
your God, as ye have done
unto this day; 9wherefore
the LORD hath driven out
from before you great
nations and mighty; but
as for you, no man hath
stood against you unto
this day. 10One man of
you hath chased a thou-
sand; for the LORD your
God, He it is that fought
for you, as He spoke unto
you. 11Take good heed
therefore unto yourselves,
that ye love the LORD your
God. 12Else if ye do in
any wise go back, and
cleave unto the remnant
of these nations, even
these that remain among
you, and make marriages
with them, and go in unto
them, and they to you;
13know for a certainty that
the LORD your God will no
more drive these nations
from out of your sight;
but they shall be a snare
and a trap unto you, and
a scourge in your sides,
and pricks in your eyes,
until ye perish from off
this good land which the
LORD your God hath given
you. 14And, behold, this
day I am going the way
of all the earth; consider
ye therefore in all your
heart and in all your soul,
that not one thing hath
failed of all the good
things which the LORD
your God spoke concern-
ing you; all are come to
pass unto you, not one
thing hath failed thereof.
15And it shall come to
pass, that as all the good
things are come upon
you of which the LORD
your God spoke unto you,
so shall the LORD bring
upon you all the evil
things, until He have de-
stroyed you from off this
good land which the LORD
your God hath given you.
16When ye transgress the
covenant of the LORD your
God, which He com-
manded you, and go and
serve other gods, and
worship them; then shall
the anger of the LORD be
kindled against you, and
ye shall perish quickly
from off the good land
which He hath given unto
you.'

24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. [2]And Joshua said unto all the people: Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Your fathers dwelt of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor; and they served other gods. [3]And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. [4]And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau; and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; and Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. [5]And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in the midst thereof; and afterward I brought you out. [6]And I brought your fathers out of Egypt; and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with horsemen unto the Red Sea. [7]And when they cried out unto the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt; and ye dwelt in the wilderness many days. [8]And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, that dwelt beyond the Jordan; and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and ye possessed their land; and I destroyed them from before you. [9]Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel; and he sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you. [10]But I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he even blessed you; so I delivered you out of his hand. [11]And ye went over the Jordan, and came unto Jericho; and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand. [12]And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites;

not with thy sword, nor
with thy bow. [13]And I
gave you a land whereon
thou hadst not laboured,
and cities which ye built
not, and ye dwell therein;
of vineyards and olive-
yards which ye planted
not do ye eat. [14]Now
therefore fear the LORD,
and serve Him in sin-
cerity and in truth; and
put away the gods which
your fathers served be-
yond the River, and in
Egypt; and serve ye the
LORD. [15]And if it seem
evil unto you to serve the
LORD, choose you this day
whom ye will serve;
whether the gods which
your fathers served that
were beyond the River, or
the gods of the Amorites,
in whose land ye dwell;
but as for me and my
house, we will serve the
LORD.'

[16]And the people an-
swered and said: 'Far be
it from us that we should
forsake the LORD, to serve
other gods; [17]for the LORD
our God, He it is that
brought us and our
fathers up out of the land
of Egypt, from the house
of bondage, and that did
those great signs in our
sight, and preserved us in
all the way wherein we
went, and among all the
peoples through the midst
of whom we passed; [18]and
the LORD drove out from
before us all the peoples,
even the Amorites that
dwelt in the land; there-
fore we also will serve
the LORD for He is our
God.'

[19]And Joshua said unto
the people: 'Ye cannot
serve the LORD; for He is
a holy God; He is a jea-
lous God; He will not for-
give your transgression
nor your sins. [20]If ye for-
sake the LORD, and serve
strange gods, then He will
turn and do you evil, and
consume you, after that
He hath done you good.'

[21]And the people said
unto Joshua: 'Nay; but
we will serve the LORD.'
[22]And Joshua said unto
the people: 'Ye are wit-
nesses against yourselves
that ye have chosen you
the LORD, to serve Him.
—And they said: 'We are
witnesses.'—[23]Now there-
fore put away the strange
gods which are among
you, and incline your
heart unto the LORD, the
God of Israel.' [24]And the
people said unto Joshua:
'The LORD our God will we
serve, and unto His voice
will we hearken.'

[25]So Joshua made a cov-
enant with the people that

day, and set them a
statute and an ordinance
in Shechem. [26]And Joshua
wrote these words in the
book of the law of God;
and he took a great stone,
and set it up there under
the oak that was by the
sanctuary of the LORD.
[27]And Joshua said unto all
the people: 'Behold, this
stone shall be a witness
against us; for it hath
heard all the words of the
LORD which He spoke unto
us; it shall be therefore a
witness against you, lest
ye deny your God.' [28]So
Joshua sent the people
away, every man unto his
inheritance.

[29]And it came to pass
after these things, that
Joshua the son of Nun,
the servant of the LORD,
died, being a hundred and
ten years old. [30]And they
buried him in the border
of his inheritance in
Timnath-serah, which is
in the hill-country of
Ephraim, on the north of
the mountain of Gaash.
[31]And Israel served the
LORD all the days of
Joshua, and all the days
of the elders that outlived
Joshua, and had known
all the work of the LORD,
that He had wrought for
Israel. [32]And the bones of
Joseph, which the children
of Israel brought up out
of Egypt, buried they in
Shechem, in the parcel of
ground which Jacob
bought of the sons of
Hamor the father of
Shechem for a hundred
pieces of money; and they
became the inheritance of
the children of Joseph.
[33]And Eleazar the son of
Aaron died; and they
buried him in the Hill of
Phinehas his son, which
was given him in mount
Ephraim.

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6 AND the children of
Israel did that which
was evil in the sight of
the LORD; and the LORD
delivered them into the
hand of Midian seven
years. [2]And the hand of
Midian prevailed against
Israel; and because of
Midian the children of
Israel made them the dens
which are in the moun-
tains, and the caves, and
the strongholds. [3]And so
it was, when Israel had
sown, that the Midianites

came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east; they came up against them; 4and they encamped against them, and destroyed the produce of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance in Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. 5For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came in as locusts for multitude; both they and their camels were without number; and they came into the land to destroy it. 6And Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of Midian, 8that the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel; and he said unto them: 'Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; 9and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land. 10And I said unto you: I am the LORD your God; ye shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but ye have not hearkened unto My voice.'

11And the angel of the LORD came, and sat under the terebinth which was in Ophrah, that belonged unto Joash the Abiezrite; and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him: 'The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.' 13And Gideon said unto him: 'Oh, my lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where are all His wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying: Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian.' 14And the LORD turned towards him, and said: 'Go in this thy might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian; have not I sent thee?' 15And he said unto him. 'Oh, my lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my

father's house.' [16]And the
LORD said unto him:
'Surely I will be with thee,
and thou shalt smite the
Midianites as one man.'
[17]And he said unto him:
'If now I have found
favour in thy sight, then
show me a sign that it is
thou that talkest with me.
[18]Depart not hence, I pray
thee, until I come unto
thee, and bring forth my
present, and lay it before
thee.' And he said: 'I
will tarry until thou come
back.' [19]And Gideon went
in, and made ready a kid,
and unleavened cakes of
an ephah of meal; the
flesh he put in a basket,
and he put the broth in a
pot, and brought it out
unto him under the tere-
binth, and presented it.
[20]And the angel of God
said unto him: 'Take the
flesh and the unleavened
cakes, and lay them upon
this rock, and pour out the
broth.' And he did so.
[21]Then the angel of the
LORD put forth the end of
the staff that was in his
hand, and touched the
flesh and the unleavened
cakes; and there went up
fire out of the rock, and
consumed the flesh and
the unleavened cakes; and
the angel of the LORD de-
parted out of his sight.
[22]And Gideon saw that he
was the angel of the LORD;
and Gideon said: 'Alas, O
Lord GOD! forasmuch as
I have seen the angel of
the LORD face to face.'
[23]And the LORD said unto
him: 'Peace be unto thee;
fear not; thou shalt not
die.' [24]Then Gideon built
an altar there unto the
LORD, and called it
'Adonai-shalom'; unto
this day it is yet in
Ophrah of the Abiezrites.
[25]And it came to pass
the same night, that the
LORD said unto him: 'Take
thy father's bullock, and
the second bullock of
seven years old, and throw
down the altar of Baal
that thy father hath, and
cut down the Asherah that
is by it; [26]and build an
altar unto the LORD thy
God upon the top of this
stronghold, in the ordered
place, and take the second
bullock, and offer a burnt-
offering with the wood of
the Asherah which thou
shalt cut down.' [27]Then
Gideon took ten men of
his servants, and did as
the LORD had spoken unto
him; and it came to pass,
because he feared his
father's household and the
men of the city, so that
he could not do it by day,
that he did it by night.

[28]And when the men of
the city arose early in the
morning, behold, the altar
of Baal was broken down,
and the Asherah was cut
down that was by it, and
the second bullock was
offered upon the altar that
was built. [29]And they said
one to another: 'Who
hath done this thing?'
And when they inquired
and asked, they said:
'Gideon the son of Joash
hath done this thing.'
[30]Then the men of the city
said unto Joash: 'Bring
out thy son, that he may
die; because he hath
broken down the altar of
Baal, and because he hath
cut down the Asherah
that was by it.' [31]And
Joash said unto all that
stood against him: 'Will
ye contend for Baal? or
will ye save him? he that
will contend for him, shall
be put to death before
morning; if he be a god,
let him contend for him-
self, because one hath
broken down his altar.'
[32]Therefore on that day
he was called Jerubbaal,
saying: 'Let Baal contend
against him, because he
hath broken down his
altar.'

[33]Now all the Midianites
and the Amalekites and
the children of the east
assembled themselves to-
gether; and they passed
over, and pitched in the
valley of Jezreel. [34]But
the spirit of the LORD
clothed Gideon; and he
blew a horn; and Abiezer
was gathered together
after him. [35]And he sent
messengers throughout all
Manasseh; and they also
were gathered together
after him; and he sent
messengers unto Asher,
and unto Zebulun, and
unto Naphtali; and they
came up to meet them.
[36]And Gideon said unto
God: 'If Thou wilt save
Israel by my hand, as
Thou hast spoken, [37]be-
hold, I will put a fleece of
wool on the threshing-
floor; if there be dew on
the fleece only, and it be
dry upon all the ground,
then shall I know that
Thou wilt save Israel by
my hand, as Thou hast
spoken.' [38]And it was so;
for he rose up early on
the morrow, and pressed
the fleece together, and
wrung dew out of the
fleece, a bowlful of water.
[39]And Gideon said unto
God: 'Let not Thine anger
be kindled against me,
and I will speak but this
once: let me make trial, I
pray Thee, but this once
with the fleece; let it now

be dry only upon the
fleece, and upon all the
ground let there be dew.'
40And God did so that
night; for it was dry
upon the fleece only, and
there was dew on all the
ground.

7 Then Jerubbaal, who is
Gideon, and all the
people that were with
him, rose up early, and
pitched beside En-harod;
and the camp of Midian
was on the north side of
them, by Gibeath-moreh,
in the valley.

2And the LORD said unto
Gideon: 'The people that
are with thee are too
many for Me to give the
Midianites into their
hand, lest Israel vaunt
themselves against Me,
saying: Mine own hand
hath saved me. 3Now
therefore make proclama-
tion in the ears of the
people, saying: Whoso-
ever is fearful and trem-
bling, let him return and
depart early from mount
Gilead.' And there re-
turned of the people
twenty and two thousand;
and there remained ten
thousand.

4And the LORD said unto
Gideon: 'The people are
yet too many; bring them
down unto the water, and
I will try them for thee
there; and it shall be, that
of whom I say unto thee:
This shall go with thee,
the same shall go with
thee; and of whomsoever
I say unto thee: This
shall not go with thee, the
same shall not go.' 5So he
brought down the people
unto the water; and the
LORD said unto Gideon:
'Every one that lappeth
of the water with his
tongue, as a dog lappeth,
him shalt thou set by him-
self; likewise every one
that boweth down upon
his knees to drink.' 6And
the number of them that
lapped, putting their hand
to their mouth, was three
hundred men; but all the
rest of the people bowed
down upon their knees to
drink water. 7And the
LORD said unto Gideon:
'By the three hundred
men that lapped will I
save you, and deliver the
Midianites into thy hand;
and let all the people go
every man unto his place.'
8So they took the victuals
of the people in their
hand, and their horns;
and he sent all the men
of Israel every man unto
his tent, but retained the
three hundred men; and
the camp of Midian was
beneath him in the valley.

[9]And it came to pass the
same night, that the LORD
said unto him: 'Arise, get
thee down upon the camp;
for I have delivered it into
thy hand. [10]But if thou
fear to go down, go thou
with Purah thy servant
down to the camp. [11]And
thou shalt hear what they
say; and afterward shall
thy hands be strengthened
to go down upon the
camp.' Then went he
down with Purah his serv-
ant unto the outermost
part of the armed men
that were in the camp.
[12]Now the Midianites and
the Amalekites and all the
children of the east lay
along in the valley like
locusts for multitude; and
their camels were without
number, as the sand
which is upon the sea-
shore for multitude. [13]And
when Gideon was come,
behold, there was a man
telling a dream unto his
fellow, and saying: 'Be-
hold, I dreamed a dream,
and, lo, a cake of barley
bread tumbled into the
camp of Midian, and came
unto the tent, and smote
it that it fell, and turned
it upside down, that the
tent lay flat.' [14]And his
fellow answered and said:
'This is nothing else save
the sword of Gideon the
son of Joash, a man of
Israel: into his hand God
hath delivered Midian,
and all the host.'
[15]And it was so, when
Gideon heard the telling
of the dream, and the in-
terpretation thereof, that
he worshipped; and he
returned into the camp of
Israel, and said: 'Arise;
for the LORD hath deliv-
ered into your hand the
host of Midian.' [16]And he
divided the three hundred
men into three companies,
and he put into the hands
of all of them horns, and
empty pitchers, with
torches within the pitch-
ers. [17]And he said unto
them: 'Look on me, and
do likewise; and, behold,
when I come to the outer-
most part of the camp, it
shall be that, as I do, so
shall ye do. [18]When I blow
the horn, I and all that
are with me, then blow ye
the horns also on every
side of all the camp, and
say: For the LORD and
for Gideon!'
[19]So Gideon, and the
hundred men that were
with him, came unto the
outermost part of the
camp in the beginning of
the middle watch, when
they had but newly set
the watch; and they blew
the horns, and broke in

pieces the pitchers that
were in their hands. [20]And
the three companies blew
the horns, and broke the
pitchers, and held the
torches in their left hands,
and the horns in their
right hands wherewith to
blow; and they cried:
'The sword for the LORD
and for Gideon!' [21]And
they stood every man in
his place round about the
camp; and all the host
ran; and they shouted,
and fled. [22]And they blew
the three hundred horns,
and the LORD set every
man's sword against his
fellow, even throughout
all the host; and the host
fled as far as Beth-shittah
toward Zererah, as far as
the border of Abel-
meholah, by Tabbath.
[23]And the men of Israel
were gathered together
out of Naphtali, and out
of Asher, and out of all
Manasseh, and pursued
after Midian. [24]And
Gideon sent messengers
throughout all the hill-
country of Ephraim, say-
ing: 'Come down against
Midian, and take before
them the waters, as far as
Beth-barah, and also the
Jordan.' So all the men
of Ephraim were gathered
together, and took the
waters as far as Beth-
barah, and also the Jor-
dan. [25]And they took the
two princes of Midian,
Oreb and Zeeb; and they
slew Oreb at the Rock of
Oreb, and Zeeb they slew
at the Winepress of Zeeb,
and pursued Midian; and
they brought the heads of
Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon
beyond the Jordan.

14 And Samson went
down to Timnah, and
saw a woman in Timnah
of the daughters of the
Philistines. [2]And he came
up, and told his father
and his mother, and said:
'I have seen a woman in
Timnah of the daughters
of the Philistines; now
therefore get her for me
to wife.' [3]Then his father
and his mother said unto
him: 'Is there never a
woman among the
daughters of thy brethren,
or among all my people,
that thou goest to take a
wife of the uncircumcised
Philistines?' And Samson
said unto his father: 'Get
her for me; for she
pleaseth me well.' [4]But
his father and his mother
knew not that it was of
the LORD; for he sought
an occasion against the
Philistines. Now at that
time the Philistines had
rule over Israel.

[6]Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnah, and came to the vineyards of Timnah; and, behold, a young lion roared against him. [6]And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as one would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand; but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. [7]And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. [8]And after a while he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion; and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. [9]And he scraped it out into his hands, and went on, eating as he went, and he came to his father and mother, and gave unto them, and they did eat; but he told them not that he had scraped the honey out of the body of the lion. [10]And his father went down unto the woman; and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. [11]And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. [12]And Samson said unto them: 'Let me now put forth a riddle unto you; if ye can declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment; [13]but if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment.' And they said unto him: 'Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.' [14]And he said unto them:

Out of the eater came forth food,
And out of the strong came forth sweetness.

And they could not in three days declare the riddle. [15]And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife: 'Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire; have ye called us hither to impoverish us?' [16]And Samson's wife wept before him, and said: 'Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not; thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and wilt thou not tell it me?' And he said unto her:

'Behold, I have not told it
my father nor my mother,
and shall I tell thee?'
[17]And she wept before him
the seven days, while their
feast lasted; and it came
to pass on the seventh
day, that he told her, be-
cause she pressed him
sore; and she told the rid-
dle to the children of her
people. [18]And the men of
the city said unto him on
the seventh day before the
sun went down:

What is sweeter than
honey?
And what is stronger
than a lion?

And he said unto them:

If ye had not plowed
with my heifer,
Ye had not found out
my riddle.

[19]And the spirit of the
LORD came mightily upon
him, and he went down
to Ashkelon, and smote
thirty men of them, and
took their spoil, and gave
the changes of raiment
unto them that declared
the riddle. And his anger
was kindled, and he went
up to his father's house.
[20]But Samson'S wife was
given to his companion,
whom he had had for his
friend.

15 But it came to pass
after a while, in the
time of wheat harvest,
that Samson visited his
wife with a kid; and he
said: 'I will go in to my
wife into the chamber.'
But her father would not
suffer him to go in. [2]And
her father said: 'I verily
thought that thou hadst
utterly hated her; there-
fore I gave her to thy
companion; is not her
younger sister fairer than
she? take her, I pray thee,
instead of her.' [3]And
Samson said unto them:
'This time shall I be quits
with the Philistines, when
I do them a mischief.'
[4]And Samson went and
caught three hundred
foxes, and took torches,
and turned tail to tail, and
put a torch in the midst
between every two tails.
[5]And when he had set the
torches on fire, he let
them go into the standing
corn of the Philistines,
and burnt up both the
shocks and the standing
corn, and also the olive-
yards. [6]Then the Philis-
tines said: 'Who hath
done this?' And they
said: 'Samson, the son-
in-law of the Timnite,
because he hath taken his
wife, and given her to
his companion.' And the
Philistines came up, and
burnt her and her father
with fire. [7]And Samson

said unto them: 'If ye do
after this manner, surely
I will be avenged of you,
and after that I will
cease.' [9]And he smote
them hip and thigh with
a great slaughter; and he
went down and dwelt in
the cleft of the rock of
Etam.
[9]Then the Philistines
went up, and pitched in
Judah, and spread them-
selves against Lehi. [10]And
the men of Judah said:
'Why are ye come up
against us?' And they
said: 'To bind Samson
are we come up, to do to
him as he hath done to
us.' [11]Then three thou-
sand men of Judah went
down to the cleft of the
rock of Etam, and said
to Samson: 'Knowest
thou not that the Philis-
tines are rulers over us?
what then is this that
thou hast done unto us?'
And he said unto them:
'As they did unto me, so
have I done unto them.'
[12]And they said unto him:
'We are come down to
bind thee, that we may
deliver thee into the hand
of the Philistines.' And
Samson said unto them:
'Swear unto me, that ye
will not fall upon me
yourselves.' [13]And they
spoke unto him, saying:
'No; but we will bind
thee fast, and deliver thee
into their hand; but
surely we will not kill
thee.' And they bound
him with two new ropes,
and brought him up from
the rock. [14]When he came
unto Lehi, the Philistines
shouted as they met him;
and the spirit of the LORD
came mightily upon him,
and the ropes that were
upon his arms became as
flax that was burnt with
fire, and his bands
dropped from off his
hands. [15]And he found a
new jawbone of an ass,
and put forth his hand,
and took it, and smote a
thousand men therewith.
[16]And Samson said:

With the jawbone of an
ass, heaps upon heaps,
With the jawbone of an
ass have I smitten a
thousand men.

[17]And it came to pass,
when he had made an end
of speaking, that he cast
away the jawbone out of
his hand; and that place
was called Ramath-lehi.
[18]And he was sore athirst,
and called on the LORD,
and said: 'Thou hast
given this great deliver-
ance by the hand of Thy
servant; and now shall I
die for thirst, and fall
into the hand of the un-

circumcised?' [19]But God cleaved the hollow place that is in Lehi, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came back, and he revived; wherefore the name thereof was called En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day. [20]And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16 And Samson went to Gaza, and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her. [2][And it was told] the Gazites, saying: 'Samson is come hither.' And they compassed him in, and lay in wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying: 'Let be till morning light, then we will kill him.' [3]And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and laid hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and plucked them up, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron.

[4]And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. [5]And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her: 'Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.' [6]And Delilah said to Samson: 'Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.' [7]And Samson said unto her: 'If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that were never dried, then shall I become weak, and be as any other man.' [8]Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. [9]Now she had liers-in-wait abiding in the inner chamber. And she said unto him: 'The Philistines are upon thee, Samson.' And he broke the bowstrings as a string of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known. [10]And Delilah said unto Samson: 'Behold

thou hast mocked me, and
told me lies; now tell me,
I pray thee, wherewith
thou mightest be bound.'
[11]And he said unto her:
'If they only bind me
with new ropes where-
with no work hath been
done, then shall I become
weak, and be as any
other man.' [12]So Delilah
took new ropes, and
bound him therewith, and
said unto him: 'The Phi-
listines are upon thee,
Samson.' And the liers-
in-wait were abiding in
the inner chamber. And
he broke them from off
his arms like a thread.
[13]And Delilah said unto
Samson: 'Hitherto thou
hast mocked me, and told
me lies, tell me where-
with thou mightest be
bound.' And he said unto
her: 'If thou weavest the
seven locks of my head
with the web.' [14]And she
fastened it with the pin,
and said unto him: 'The
Philistines are upon thee,
Samson.' And he awoke
out of his sleep, and
plucked away the pin of
the beam, and the web.
[15]And she said unto him:
'How canst thou say: I
love thee, when thy heart
is not with me? thou hast
mocked me these three
times, and hast not told
me wherein thy great
strength lieth.' [16]And it
came to pass, when she
pressed him daily with
her words, and urged
him, that his soul was
vexed unto death. [17]And
he told her all his heart,
and said unto her: 'There
hath not come a razor
upon my head; for I have
been a Nazirite unto God
from my mother's womb;
if I be shaven, then my
strength will go from me,
and I shall become weak,
and be like any other
man.' [18]And when Delilah
saw that he had told her
all his heart, she sent and
called for the lords of the
Philistines, saying: 'Come
up this once, for he hath
told me all his heart.'
Then the lords of the
Philistines came up unto
her, and brought the
money in their hand.
[19]And she made him sleep
upon her knees; and she
called for a man, and had
the seven locks of his
head shaven off; and she
began to afflict him, and
his strength went from
him. [20]And she said.
'The Philistines are upon
thee, Samson.' And he
awoke out of his sleep,
and said: 'I will go out
as at other times, and
shake myself.' But he

knew not that the LORD
was departed from him.
[21]And the Philistines laid
hold on him, and put out
his eyes; and they brought
him down to Gaza, and
bound him with fetters
of brass; and he did
grind in the prison-house.
[22]Howbeit the hair of his
head began to grow
again after he was
shaven.
[23]And the lords of the
Philistines gathered them
together to offer a great
sacrifice unto Dagon their
god, and to rejoice; for
they said: 'Our god hath
delivered Samson our
enemy into our hand.'
[24]And when the people
saw him, they praised
their god; for they said:
'Our god hath delivered
into our hand our enemy,
and the destroyer of our
country, who hath slain
many of us.' [25]And it
came to pass, when their
hearts were merry, that
they said: 'Call for Sam-
son, that he may make us
sport.' And they called
for Samson out of the
prison-house; and he
made sport before them;
and they set him between
the pillars. [26]And Sam-
son said unto the lad that
held him by the hand:
'Suffer me that I may feel
the pillars whereupon the
house resteth, that I may
lean upon them.' [27]Now
the house was full of men
and women; and all
the lords of the Philis-
tines were there; and
there were upon the roof
about three thousand men
and women, that beheld
while Samson made sport.
[28]And Samson called unto
the LORD, and said: 'O
Lord GOD, remember me,
I pray Thee, and
strengthen me, I pray
Thee, only this once, O
God, that I may be this
once avenged of the Phi-
listines for my two eyes.'
[29]And Samson took fast
hold of the two middle
pillars upon which the
house rested, and leaned
upon them, the one with
his right hand, and the
other with his left. [30]And
Samson said: 'Let me
die with the Philistines.'
And he bent with all his
might; and the house fell
upon the lords, and upon
all the people that were
therein. So the dead that
he slew at his death were
more than they that he
slew in his life. [31]Then
his brethren and all the
house of his father came
down, and took him, and

brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying-place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

FIRST SAMUEL

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill-country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. [2]And he had two wives: the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. [3]And this man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there priests unto the LORD. [4]And it came to pass upon a day, when Elkanah sacrificed, that he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions; [5]but unto Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah, but the LORD had shut up her womb. [6]And her rival vexed her sore, to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. [7]And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she vexed her; therefore she wept, and would not eat. [8]And Elkanah her husband said unto her: 'Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?' [9]So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk—now Eli the priest sat upon his seat by the door-post of the temple of the LORD; [10]and she was in bitterness of soul—and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. [11]And she vowed a vow, and said: 'O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of Thy handmaid, and remember me, and not forget Thy handmaid, but wilt give unto Thy hand-

maid a man-child, then I
will give him unto the
LORD all the days of his
life, and there shall no
razor come upon his head.'
[12]And it came to pass, as
she prayed long before the
LORD, that Eli watched
her mouth. [13]Now Han-
nah, she spoke in her
heart; only her lips
moved, but her voice
could not be heard;
therefore Eli thought she
had been drunken. [14]And
Eli said unto her: 'How
long wilt thou be drunk-
en? put away thy wine
from thee.' [15]And Han-
nah answered and said:
'No, my lord, I am a
woman of a sorrowful
spirit; I have drunk
neither wine nor strong
drink, but I poured out
my soul before the LORD.
[16]Count not thy handmaid
for a wicked woman: for
out of the abundance of
my complaint and my
vexation have I spoken
hitherto.' [17]Then Eli an-
swered and said: 'Go in
peace, and the God of
Israel grant thy petition
that thou hast asked of
Him.' [18]And she said:
'Let thy servant find
favour in thy sight.' So
the woman went her way,
and did eat, and her
countenance was no more
sad. [19]And they rose up
in the morning early, and
worshipped before the
LORD, and returned, and
came to their house to
Ramah; and Elkanah
knew Hannah his wife;
and the LORD remembered
her. [20]And it came to
pass, when the time was
come about, that Hannah
conceived, and bore a
son; and she called his
name Samuel: 'because I
have asked him of the
LORD.'

[21]And the man Elkanah,
and all his house, went
up to offer unto the LORD
the yearly sacrifice, and
his vow. [22]But Hannah
went not up; for she said
unto her husband. 'Until
the child be weaned,
when I will bring him,
that he may appear be-
fore the LORD, and there
abide for ever.' [23]And
Elkanah her husband said
unto her: 'Do what
seemeth thee good; tarry
until thou have weaned
him; only the LORD
establish His word.' So
the woman tarried and
gave her son suck, until
she weaned him. [24]And
when she had weaned
him, she took him up
with her, with three bul-
locks, and one ephah of
meal, and a bottle of

wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh; and the child was young. [25]And when the bullock was slain, the child was brought to Eli. [26]And she said: 'Oh, my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. [27]For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath granted me my petition which I asked of Him; [28]therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he is lent to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

2 And Hannah prayed, and said:
My heart exulteth in the LORD,
My horn is exalted in the LORD;
My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
Because I rejoice in Thy salvation.
[2]There is none holy as the LORD;
For there is none beside Thee;
Neither is there any rock like our God.
[3]Multiply not exceeding proud talk;
Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth;
For the LORD is a God of knowledge,
And by Him actions are weighed.
[4]The bows of the mighty men are broken,
And they that stumbled are girded with strength.
[5]They that were full have hired out themselves for bread;
And they that were hungry have ceased;
While the barren hath borne seven,
She that had many children hath languished.

[6]The LORD killeth, and maketh alive;
He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.
[7]The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich;
He bringeth low, He also lifteth up.
[8]He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
He lifteth up the needy from the dunghill,
To make them sit with princes,
And inherit the throne of glory;
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,
And He hath set the world upon them.

[9]He will keep the feet
of His holy ones,
But the wicked shall be
put to silence in
darkness;
For not by strength
shall man prevail.
[10]They that strive with
the LORD shall be
broken to pieces;
Against them will He
thunder in heaven;
The LORD will judge the
ends of the earth;
And He will give
strength unto His
king,
And exalt the horn of
His anointed.

8 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. [2]Now the name of his first-born was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. [3]And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted justice.

[4]Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah. [5]And they said unto him: 'Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways; now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.' [6]But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said: 'Give us a king to judge us.' And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. [7]And the LORD said unto Samuel: 'Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not be king over them. [8]According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, in that they have forsaken Me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. [9]Now therefore hearken unto their voice; howbeit thou shalt earnestly forewarn them, and shalt declare unto them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.'

[10]And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king. [11]And he said: 'This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them unto him, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen;

and they shall run before
his chariots. [12]And he
will appoint them unto
him for captains of thou-
sands, and captains of
fifties; and to plow his
ground, and to reap his
harvest, and to make his
instruments of war, and
the instruments of his
chariots. [13]And he will
take your daughters to
be perfumers, and to be
cooks, and to be bakers.
[14]And he will take your
fields, and your vine-
yards, and your olive-
yards, even the best of
them, and give them to
his servants. [15]And he
will take the tenth of
your seed, and of your
vineyards, and give to his
officers, and to his serv-
ants. [16]And he will take
your men-servants, and
your maid-servants, and
your goodliest young men,
and your asses, and put
them to his work. [17]He
will take the tenth of your
flocks; and ye shall be
his servants. [18]And ye
shall cry out in that day
because of your king
whom ye shall have
chosen you; and the LORD
will not answer you in
that day.' [19]But the
people refused to hearken
unto the voice of Samuel;
and they said: 'Nay;
but there shall be a king
over us; [20]that we also
may be like all the na-
tions; and that our king
may judge us, and go out
before us, and fight our
battles.' [21]And Samuel
heard all the words of the
people, and he spoke
them in the ears of the
LORD. [22]And the LORD
said to Samuel: 'Hearken
unto their voice, and
make them a king.' And
Samuel said unto the
men of Israel: 'Go ye
every man unto his city.'

13 Saul was —— years
old when he began to
reign; and two years he
reigned over Israel. [2]And
Saul chose him three
thousand men of Israel;
whereof two thousand
were with Saul in Mich-
mas and in the mount of
Beth-el, and a thousand
were with Jonathan in
Gibeath-benjamin; and
the rest of the people he
sent every man to his
tent. [3]And Jonathan
smote the garrison of the
Philistines that was in
Geba, and the Philistines
heard of it. And Saul
blew the horn throughout
all the land, saying: 'Let
the Hebrews hear.' [4]And
all Israel heard say that
Saul had smitten the gar-

rison of the Philistines,
and that Israel also had
made himself odious with
the Philistines. And the
people were gathered to-
gether after Saul to
Gilgal.
5And the Philistines as-
sembled themselves to-
gether to fight with
Israel, thirty thousand
chariots, and six thou-
sand horsemen, and
people as the sand which
is on the sea-shore in
multitude; and they came
up, and pitched in Mich-
mas, eastward of Beth-
aven. 6When the men of
Israel saw that they were
in a strait—for the people
were distressed—then the
people did hide them-
selves in caves, and in
thickets, and in rocks,
and in holds, and in pits.
7Now some of the He-
brews had gone over the
Jordan to the land of Gad
and Gilead; but as for
Saul, he was yet in
Gilgal, and all the people
followed him trembling.
8And he tarried seven
days, according to the set
time that Samuel had
appointed; but Samuel
came not to Gilgal; and
the people were scattered
from him. 9And Saul
said: 'Bring hither to me
the burnt-offering and the
peace-offerings.' And he
offered the burnt-offering.
10And it came to pass
that, as soon as he had
made an end of offering
the burnt-offering, behold,
Samuel came; and Saul
went out to meet him,
that he might salute him.
11And Samuel said: 'What
hast thou done?' And
Saul said: 'Because I
saw that the people were
scattered from me, and
that thou camest not
within the days appointed,
and that the Philistines
assembled themselves to-
gether against Michmas;
12therefore said I: Now
will the Philistines come
down upon me to Gilgal,
and I have not entreated
the favour of the LORD;
I forced myself therefore,
and offered the burnt-
offering.' 13And Samuel
said to Saul: 'Thou hast
done foolishly; thou hast
not kept the command-
ment of the LORD thy
God, which He com-
manded thee; for now
would the LORD have es-
tablished thy kingdom
upon Israel for ever. 14But
now thy kingdom shall
not continue; the LORD
hath sought him a man
after His own heart, and
the LORD hath appointed
him to be prince over His

people, because thou hast
not kept that which the
LORD commanded thee.'
[16]And Samuel arose, and
got him up from Gilgal
unto Gibeath-benjamin.
And Saul numbered the
people that were present
with him, about six
hundred men. [16]And Saul,
and Jonathan his son,
and the people that were
present with them, abode
in Gibeath-benjamin; but
the Philistines encamped
in Michmas. [17]And the
spoilers came out of the
camp of the Philistines in
three companies: one
company turned unto the
way that leadeth to
Ophrah, unto the land of
Shual; [18]and another com-
pany turned the way to
Beth-horon; and another
company turned the way
of the border that looketh
down upon the valley of
Zeboim toward the wilder-
ness.
[19]Now there was no
smith found throughout
all the land of Israel; for
the Philistines said: 'Lest
the Hebrews make them
swords or spears'; [20]but
all the Israelites went
down to the Philistines,
to sharpen every man his
plowshare, and his coulter,
and his axe, and his mat-
tock. [21]And the price of
the filing was [a]a pim for
the mattocks, and for the
coulters, and for the
forks with three teeth,
and for the axes; and to
set the goads. [22]So it
came to pass in the day
of battle, that there was
neither sword nor spear
found in the hand of any
of the people that were
with Saul and Jonathan;
but with Saul and with
Jonathan his son was
there found. [23]And the
garrison of the Philis-
tines went out unto the
pass of Michmas.

14 Now it fell upon a
day, that Jonathan
the son of Saul said unto
the young man that bore
his armour: 'Come and
let us go over to the Phi-
listines' garrison, that is
on yonder side.' But he
told not his father. [2]And
Saul tarried in the utter-
most part of Gibeah
under the pomegranate-
tree which is in Migron;
and the people that were
with him were about six
hundred men, [3]and Ahijah,
the son of Ahitub,
Ichabod's brother, the son
of Phinehas, the son of
Eli, the priest of the LORD

[a] That is, two-thirds of a shekel.

in Shiloh, wearing an
ephod. And the people
knew not that Jonathan
was gone. 4And between
the passes, by which
Jonathan sought to go
over unto the Philistines'
garrison, there was a
rocky crag on the one
side, and a rocky crag on
the other side; and the
name of the one was
Bozez, and the name of
the other Seneh. 5The
one crag rose up on the
north in front of Mich-
mas, and the other on
the south in front of
Geba.
6And Jonathan said to
the young man that bore
his armour: 'Come and
let us go over unto the
garrison of these uncir-
cumcised; it may be that
the LORD will work for
us; for there is no
restraint to the LORD to
save by many or by few.'
7And his armour-bearer
said unto him: 'Do all
that is in thy heart; turn
thee, behold I am with
thee according to thy
heart.' 8Then said Jona-
than: 'Behold, we will
pass over unto the men,
and we will disclose our-
selves unto them. 9If
they say thus unto us:
Tarry until we come to
you; then we will stand
still in our place, and will
not go up unto them.
10But if they say thus:
Come up unto us; then
we will go up; for the
LORD hath delivered them
into our hand; and this
shall be the sign unto us.'
11And both of them dis-
closed themselves unto
the garrison of the Phi-
listines; and the Philis-
tines said: 'Behold He-
brews coming forth out
of the holes where they
hid themselves.' 12And
the men of the garrison
spoke to Jonathan and
his armour-bearer, and
said: 'Come up to us,
and we will show you a
thing.' And Jonathan
said unto his armour-
bearer: Come up after
me; for the LORD hath
delivered them into the
hand of Israel. 13And
Jonathan climbed up upon
his hands and upon his
feet, and his armour-
bearer after him; and
they fell before Jonathan;
and his armour-bearer
slew them after him.
14And that first slaughter,
which Jonathan and his
armour-bearer made, was
about twenty men, within
as it were half a furrow's
length in an acre of land.
15And there was a trem-
bling in the camp in the

field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked; so it grew into a terror from God. [16]And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeath-benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went hither and thither.

[17]Then said Saul unto the people that were with him: 'Number now, and see who is gone from us.' And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not there. [18]And Saul said unto Ahijah: 'Bring hither the ark of God.' For the ark of God was there at that time with the children of Israel. [19]And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased; and Saul said unto the priest: 'Withdraw thy hand.' [20]And Saul and all the people that were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle; and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture. [21]Now the Hebrews that were with the Philistines as beforetime, and that went up with them into the camp round about; even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. [22]Likewise all the men of Israel that had hid themselves in the hill-country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. [23]So the LORD saved Israel that day; and the battle passed on as far as Beth-aven.

[24]And the men of Israel were distressed that day; but Saul adjured the people, saying: 'Cursed be the man that eateth any food until it be evening, and I be avenged on mine enemies.' So none of the people tasted food. [25]And all the people came into the forest; and there was honey upon the ground. [26]And when the people were come unto the forest, behold a flow of honey; but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath. [27]But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; and he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and

dipped it in the honey-
comb, and put his hand
to his mouth; and his
eyes brightened. [28]Then
answered one of the
people, and said: 'Thy
father straitly charged
the people with an oath,
saying: Cursed be the
man that eateth food this
day; and the people are
faint.' [29]Then said Jona-
than: 'My father hath
troubled the land; see, I
pray you, how mine eyes
are brightened, because I
tasted a little of this
honey. [30]How much more,
if haply the people had
eaten freely to-day of the
spoil of their enemies
which they found? had
there not been then a
much greater slaughter
among the Philistines?'
[31]And they smote of the
Philistines that day from
Michmas to Aijalon; and
the people were very
faint. [32]And the people
flew upon the spoil, and
took sheep, and oxen, and
calves, and slew them on
the ground; and the
people did eat them with
the blood. [33]Then they
told Saul, saying: 'Be-
hold, the people sin
against the LORD, in that
they eat with the blood.'
And he said: 'Ye have
dealt treacherously; roll
a great stone unto me
this day.' [34]And Saul
said: 'Disperse yourselves
among the people, and
say unto them: Bring me
hither every man his ox,
and every man his sheep,
and slay them here, and
eat; and sin not against
the LORD in eating with
the blood.' And all the
people brought every man
his ox with him that
night, and slew them
there. [35]And Saul built
an altar unto the LORD;
the same was the first
altar that he built unto
the LORD.

[36]And Saul said: 'Let
us go down after the Phi-
listines by night, and
spoil them until the morn-
ing light, and let us not
leave a man of them.'
And they said: 'Do what-
soever seemeth good unto
thee.' Then said the
priest: 'Let us draw near
hither unto God.' [37]And
Saul asked counsel of
God: 'Shall I go down
after the Philistines? wilt
Thou deliver them into
the hand of Israel?' But
He answered him not
that day. [38]And Saul
said: 'Draw nigh hither,
all ye chiefs of the people;
and know and see wherein
this sin hath been this
day. [39]For, as the LORD

liveth, who saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die.' But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. [40]Then said he unto all Israel: 'Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side.' And the people said unto Saul: 'Do what seemeth good unto thee.' [41]Therefore Saul said unto the LORD, the God of Israel: 'Declare the right.' And Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot; but the people escaped. [42]And Saul said: 'Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son.' And Jonathan was taken. [43]Then Saul said to Jonathan: 'Tell me what thou hast done.' And Jonathan told him, and said: 'I did certainly taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; here am I: I will die.' [44]And Saul said: 'God do so and more also; thou shalt surely die, Jonathan.' [45]And the people said unto Saul: 'Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? Far from it; as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day.' So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not. [46]Then Saul went up from following the Philistines; and the Philistines went to their own place.

[47]So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines; and whithersoever he turned himself, he put them to the worse. [48]And he did valiantly, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

[49]Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchi-shua; and the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger Michal; [50]and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain of his host was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. [51]And Kish was the father of Saul,

and Ner the father of
Abner was the son of
Abiel.
[52]And there was sore
war against the Philis-
tines all the days of
Saul; and when Saul saw
any mighty man, or any
valiant man, he took him
unto him.

15 And Samuel said un-
to Saul: 'The LORD
sent me to anoint thee to
be king over His people,
over Israel; now there-
fore hearken thou unto
the voice of the words of
the LORD. [2]Thus saith the
LORD of hosts: I remem-
ber that which Amalek
did to Israel, how he set
himself against him in
the way, when he came
up out of Egypt. [3]Now
go and smite Amalek, and
utterly destroy all that
they have, and spare
them not; but slay both
man and woman, infant
and suckling, ox and
sheep, camel and ass.'
[4]And Saul summoned
the people, and numbered
them in Telaim, two hun-
dred thousand footmen,
and ten thousand men of
Judah. [5]And Saul came
to the city of Amalek,
and lay in wait in the
valley. [6]And Saul said
unto the Kenites: 'Go,
depart, get you down
from among the Amalek-
ites, lest I destroy you
with them; for ye showed
kindness to all the children
of Israel, when they came
up out of Egypt.' So the
Kenites departed from
among the Amalekites.
[7]And Saul smote the Am-
alekites, from Havilah as
thou goest to Shur, that
is in front of Egypt. [8]And
he took Agag the king of
the Amalekites alive, and
utterly destroyed all the
people with the edge of
the sword. [9]But Saul and
the people spared Agag,
and the best of the sheep,
and of the oxen, even the
young of the second birth.
and the lambs, and all
that was good, and would
not utterly destroy them;
but everything that was
of no account and feeble,
that they destroyed
utterly.
[10]Then came the word
of the LORD unto Samuel,
saying: [11]'It repenteth
Me that I have set up
Saul to be king; for he
is turned back from fol-
lowing Me, and hath not
performed My command-
ments.' And it grieved
Samuel; and he cried
unto the LORD all night.
[12]And Samuel rose early
to meet Saul in the morn-
ing; and it was told Sam-

uel, saying: 'Saul came to
Carmel, and, behold, he is
setting him up a monu-
ment, and is gone about,
and passed on, and gone
down to Gilgal.' [13]And
Samuel came to Saul;
and Saul said unto him:
'Blessed be thou of the
LORD; I have performed
the commandment of the
LORD.' [14]And Samuel said:
'What meaneth then this
bleating of the sheep in
mine ears, and the lowing
of the oxen which I hear?'
[15]And Saul said: 'They
have brought them from
the Amalekites; for the
people spared the best of
the sheep and of the
oxen, to sacrifice unto the
LORD thy God; and the
rest we have utterly de-
stroyed.' [16]Then Samuel
said unto Saul: 'Stay,
and I will tell thee what
the LORD hath said to me
this night.' And he said
unto him: 'Say on.'
[17]And Samuel said:
'Though thou be little
in thine own sight, art
thou not head of the
tribes of Israel? And
the LORD anointed thee
king over Israel; [18]and
the LORD sent thee on a
journey, and said: Go
and utterly destroy the
sinners the Amalekites,
and fight against them
until they be consumed.
[19]Wherefore then didst
thou not hearken to the
voice of the LORD, but
didst fly upon the spoil,
and didst that which was
evil in the sight of the
LORD?' [20]And Saul said
unto Samuel: 'Yea, I
have hearkened to the
voice of the LORD, and
have gone the way which
the LORD sent me, and
have brought Agag the
king of Amalek, and have
utterly destroyed the
Amalekites. [21]But the
people took of the spoil,
sheep and oxen, the chief
of the devoted things, to
sacrifice unto the LORD
thy God in Gilgal.' [22]And
Samuel said:

'Hath the LORD as great
delight in burnt-offer-
ings and sacrifices,
As in hearkening to the
voice of the LORD?
Behold, to obey is better
than sacrifice,
And to hearken than the
fat of rams.
[23]For rebellion is as the
sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness is as
idolatry and teraphim.

Because thou hast rejected
the word of the LORD, He
hath also rejected thee
from being king.' [24]And

Saul said unto Samuel:
'I have sinned; for I have
transgressed the com-
mandment of the LORD,
and thy words; because I
feared the people, and
hearkened to their voice.
[26]Now therefore, I pray
thee, pardon my sin, and
return with me, that I
may worship the LORD.'
[27]And Samuel said unto
Saul: 'I will not return
with thee; for thou hast
rejected the word of the
LORD, and the LORD hath
rejected thee from being
king over Israel.' [28]And
as Samuel turned about to
go away, he laid hold upon
the skirt of his robe, and
it rent. [29]And Samuel said
unto him: 'The LORD hath
rent the kingdom of Israel
from thee this day, and
hath given it to a neigh-
bour of thine, that is bet-
ter than thou. [30]And also
the Glory of Israel will not
lie nor repent; for He is
not a man, that He should
repent.' [31]Then he said: 'I
have sinned; yet honour
me now, I pray thee, before
the elders of my people,
and before Israel, and re-
turn with me, that I may
worship the LORD thy God.'
[32]So Samuel returned after
Saul; and Saul wor-
shipped the LORD.

17 Now the Philistines
gathered together
their armies to battle,
and they were gathered
together at Socoh, which
belongeth to Judah, and
pitched between Socoh
and Azekah, in Ephes-
dammim. [2]And Saul and
the men of Israel were
gathered together, and
pitched in the vale of
Elah, and set the battle
in array against the Phi-
listines. [3]And the Philis-
tines stood on the moun-
tain on the one side, and
Israel stood on the
mountain on the other
side: and there was a
valley between them.
[4]And there went out a
champion from the camp
of the Philistines, named
Goliath, of Gath, whose
height was six cubits and
a span. [5]And he had a
helmet of brass upon his
head, and he was clad
with a coat of mail; and
the weight of the coat
was five thousand shekels
of brass. [6]And he had
greaves of brass upon his
legs, and a javelin of brass
between his shoulders.
[7]And the shaft of his
spear was like a weaver's
beam; and his spear's
head weighed six hundred
shekels of iron; and his

shield-bearer went before him. [8]And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them: 'Why do ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. [9]If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.' [10]And the Philistine said: 'I do taunt the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.' [11]And when Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

[12]Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons; and the man was an old man in the days of Saul, stricken in years among men. [13]And the three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle; and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the first-born, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. [14]And David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul.—[15]Now David went to and fro from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.—[16]And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

[17]And Jesse said unto David his son: 'Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to thy brethren. [18]And bring these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and to thy brethren shalt thou bring greetings, and take their pledge; [19]now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, are in the vale of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.' [20]And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the barricade, as the host which was going forth to the fight shouted for the battle. [21]And Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, army against army. [22]And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of

the baggage, and ran to
the army, and came and
greeted his brethren.
[23]And as he talked with
them, behold, there came
up the champion, the
Philistine of Gath, Goliath
by name, out of the ranks
of the Philistines, and
spoke according to the
same words; and David
heard them. [24]And all the
men of Israel, when they
saw the man, fled from
him, and were sore afraid.
[25]And the men of Israel
said: 'Have ye seen this
man that is come up?
surely to taunt Israel is
he come up; and it shall
be, that the man who
killeth him, the king will
enrich him with great
riches, and will give him
his daughter, and make
his father's house free in
Israel.'
[26]And David spoke to
the men that stood by
him, saying: 'What shall
be done to the man that
killeth this Philistine, and
taketh away the taunt
from Israel? for who is
this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should
have taunted the armies
of the living God?' [27]And
the people answered him
after this manner, saying: 'So shall it be done
to the man that killeth
him.' [28]And Eliab's his
eldest brother heard when
he spoke unto the men;
and Eliab's anger was
kindled against David,
and he said: 'Why art
thou come down? and
with whom hast thou left
those few sheep in the
wilderness? I know thy
presumptuousness, and
the naughtiness of thy
heart; for thou art come
down that thou mightest
see the battle.' [29]And
David said: 'What have
I now done? Was it not
but a word?' [30]And he
turned away from him
toward another, and
spoke after the same
manner; and the people
answered him after the
former manner.
[31]And when the words
were heard which David
spoke, they rehearsed
them before Saul; and he
was taken to him. [32]And
David said to Saul: 'Let
no man's heart fail within
him; thy servant will go
and fight with this Philistine.' [33]And Saul said
to David: 'Thou art not
able to go against this
Philistine to fight with
him; for thou art but a
youth, and he a man of
war from his youth.'
[34]And David said unto
Saul: 'Thy servant kept

his father's sheep; and
when there came a lion,
or a bear, and took a
lamb out of the flock, [35]I
went out after him, and
smote him, and delivered
it out of his mouth; and
when he arose against
me, I caught him by his
beard, and smote him,
and slew him. [36]Thy serv-
ant smote both the lion
and the bear; and this
uncircumcised Philistine
shall be as one of them,
seeing he hath taunted
the armies of the living
God.' [37]And David said:
'The LORD that delivered
me out of the paw of the
lion, and out of the paw
of the bear; He will de-
liver me out of the hand
of this Philistine.' And
Saul said unto David:
'Go, and the LORD shall be
with thee.' [38]And Saul
clad David with his ap-
parel, and he put a hel-
met of brass upon his
head, and he clad him
with a coat of mail.
[39]And David girded his
sword upon his apparel,
and he essayed to go
[, but could not]; for he
had not tried it. And
David said unto Saul: 'I
cannot go with these; for
I have not tried them.'
And David put them off
him. [40]And he took his
staff in his hand, and
chose him five smooth
stones out of the brook,
and put them in the
shepherd's bag which he
had, even in his scrip;
and his sling was in his
hand; and he drew near
to the Philistine.
[41]And the Philistine
came nearer and nearer
unto David; and the man
that bore the shield went
before him. [42]And when
the Philistine looked
about, and saw David, he
disdained him; for he
was but a youth, and
ruddy, and withal of a
fair countenance. [43]And
the Philistine said unto
David: 'Am I a dog, that
thou comest to me with
staves?' And the Philis-
tine cursed David by his
god. [44]And the Philistine
said to David: 'Come to
me, and I will give thy
flesh unto the fowls of
the air, and to the beasts
of the field.' [45]Then said
David to the Philistine:
'Thou comest to me with
a sword, and with a
spear, and with a javelin;
but I come to thee in the
name of the LORD of
hosts, the God of the
armies of Israel, whom
thou hast taunted. [46]This
day will the LORD deliver
thee into my hand; and

I will smite thee, and take thy head from off thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel; [47]and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hand.' [48]And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. [49]And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth. [50]So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. [51]And David ran, and stood over the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw that their mighty man was dead, they fled. [52]And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou comest to Gai, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. [53]And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their camp. [54]And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

[55]And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host: 'Abner, whose son is this youth?' And Abner said: 'As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.' [56]And the king said: 'Inquire thou whose son the stripling is.' [57]And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. [58]And Saul said to him:

'Whose son art thou, thou young man?' And David answered: 'I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.'

24 [2]And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying: 'Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.' [3]Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. [4]And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. [5]And the men of David said unto him: 'Behold the day in which the LORD hath said unto thee: Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thy hand, and thou shalt do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.' Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. [6]And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. [7]And he said unto his men: 'The LORD forbid it me, that I should do this thing unto my lord, the LORD'S anointed, to put forth my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD'S anointed.' [8]So David checked his men with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

[9]David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying: 'My lord the king.' And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and prostrated himself. [10]And David said to Saul: 'Wherefore hearkenest thou to men's words, saying: Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? [11]Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to-day into my hand in the cave; and some bade me kill thee; but mine eye spared thee; and I said: I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is the LORD'S anointed. [12]Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that

there is neither evil nor
transgression in my hand,
and I have not sinned
against thee, though thou
layest wait for my soul
to take it. [13]The LORD
judge between me and
thee, and the LORD avenge
me of thee; but my hand
shall not be upon thee.
[14]As saith the proverb of
the ancients: Out of the
wicked cometh forth
wickedness; but my
hand shall not be upon
thee. [15]After whom is the
king of Israel come out?
after whom dost thou
pursue? after a dead dog,
after a flea. [16]The LORD
therefore be judge, and
give sentence between
me and thee, and see,
and plead my cause, and
deliver me out of thy
hand.'
[17]And it came to pass,
when David had made an
end of speaking these
words unto Saul, that
Saul said: 'Is this thy
voice, my son David?'
And Saul lifted up his
voice, and wept. [18]And he
said to David: 'Thou art
more righteous than I;
for thou hast rendered
unto me good, whereas I
have rendered unto thee
evil. [19]And thou hast de-
clared this day how that
thou hast dealt well with
me; forasmuch as when
the LORD had delivered
me up into thy hand,
thou didst not kill me.
[20]For if a man find his
enemy, will he let him go
well away? wherefore the
LORD reward thee good
for that which thou hast
done unto me this day.
[21]And now, behold, I know
that thou shalt surely be
king, and that the king-
dom of Israel shall be
established in thy hand.
[22]Swear now therefore
unto me by the LORD, that
thou wilt not cut off my
seed after me, and that
thou wilt not destroy my
name out of my father's
house.' [23]And David swore
unto Saul. And Saul
went home; but David
and his men got them up
unto the stronghold.

SECOND SAMUEL

1 And it came to pass
after the death of Saul,
when David was returned
from the slaughter of the
Amalekites, and David
had abode two days in
Ziklag; [2]it came even to
pass on the third day,
that, behold, a man came
out of the camp from
Saul with his clothes
rent, and earth upon his
head; and so it was,
when he came to David,
that he fell to the earth,
and prostrated himself.
[3]And David said unto
him: 'From whence
comest thou?' And he
said unto him: 'Out of
the camp of Israel am I
escaped.' [4]And David
said unto him: 'How
went the matter? I pray
thee, tell me.' And he
answered: 'The people
are fled from the battle,
and many of the people
also are fallen and dead;
and Saul and Jonathan
his son are dead also.'
[5]And David said unto the
young man that told him:
'How knowest thou that
Saul and Jonathan his
son are dead?' [6]And the
young man that told him
said: 'As I happened by
chance upon mount
Gilboa, behold, Saul
leaned upon his spear;
and, lo, the chariots and
the horsemen pressed
hard upon him. [7]And
when he looked behind
him, he saw me, and
called unto me. And I
answered: Here am I.
[8]And he said unto me:
Who art thou? And I
answered him: I am an
Amalekite. [9]And he said
unto me: Stand, I pray
thee, beside me, and slay
me, for the agony hath
taken hold of me; be-
cause my life is just yet
in me. [10]So I stood beside
him, and slew him, be-
cause I was sure that he
could not live after that
he was fallen; and I took
the crown that was upon
his head, and the bracelet
that was on his arm, and
have brought them hither
unto my lord.'
[11]Then David took hold
on his clothes, and rent
them; and likewise all
the men that were with
him. [12]And they wailed,
and wept, and fasted
until even, for Saul, and

for Jonathan his son, and
for the people of the
LORD, and for the house
of Israel; because they
were fallen by the sword.
[13]And David said unto the
young man that told him:
'Whence art thou?' And
he answered: 'I am the
son of an Amalekite
stranger.' [14]And David
said unto him: 'How
wast thou not afraid to
put forth thy hand to
destroy the LORD'S
anointed?' [15]And David
called one of the young
men, and said: 'Go near,
and fall upon him.' And
he smote him that he
died. [16]And David said
unto him: 'Thy blood be
upon thy head; for thy
mouth hath testified
against thee, saying: I
have slain the LORD'S
anointed.'

[17]And David lamented
with this lamentation
over Saul and over Jona-
than his son, [18]and said
—To teach the sons of
Judah the bow. Behold,
it is written in the book
of Jashar:

[19]Thy beauty, O Israel,
upon thy high places
is slain!
How are the mighty
fallen!
[20]Tell it not in Gath,
Publish it not in the
streets of Ashkelon;
Lest the daughters of
the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of
the uncircumcised
triumph.
[21]Ye mountains of Gilboa,
Let there be no dew
nor rain upon you,
Neither fields of choice
fruits;
For there the shield of
the mighty was vilely
cast away,
The shield of Saul, not
anointed with oil.
[22]From the blood of the
slain, from the fat of
the mighty,
The bow of Jonathan
turned not back,
And the sword of Saul
returned not empty.
[23]Saul and Jonathan,
the lovely and the
pleasant
In their lives, even in
their death they were
not divided;
They were swifter than
eagles,
They were stronger
than lions.
[24]Ye daughters of Israel,
weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in
scarlet, with other
delights,

Who put ornaments of
gold upon your ap-
parel.
[25]How are the mighty
fallen in the midst of
the battle!

Jonathan upon thy high
places is slain!
[26]I am distressed for thee,
my brother Jonathan;
Very pleasant hast thou
been unto me;
Wonderful was thy love
to me,
Passing the love of
women.
[27]How are the mighty
fallen,
And the weapons of war
perished!

7 And it came to pass,
when the king dwelt
in his house, and the
LORD had given him rest
from all his enemies
round about, [2]that the
king said unto Nathan
the prophet: 'See now, I
dwell in a house of cedar,
but the ark of God
dwelleth within curtains.'
[3]And Nathan said to the
king: 'Go, do all that is
in thy heart; for the
LORD is with thee.' [4]And
it came to pass the same
night, that the word of
the LORD came unto
Nathan, saying: [5]'Go and
tell My servant David:
Thus saith the LORD:
Shalt thou build Me a
house for Me to dwell
in? [6]for I have not dwelt
in a house since the day
that I brought up the
children of Israel out of
Egypt, even to this day,
but have walked in a tent
and in a tabernacle. [7]In
all places wherein I have
walked among all the
children of Israel, spoke
I a word with any of the
tribes of Israel, whom I
commanded to feed My
people Israel, saying:
Why have ye not built
Me a house of cedar?
[8]Now therefore thus shalt
thou say unto My servant
David: Thus saith the
LORD of hosts: I took thee
from the sheepcote, from
following the sheep, that
thou shouldest be prince
over My people, over
Israel. [9]And I have been
with thee whithersoever
thou didst go, and have
cut off all thine enemies
from before thee; and I
will make thee a great
name, like unto the name
of the great ones that are
in the earth. [10]And I will
appoint a place for My
people Israel, and will
plant them, that they
may dwell in their own
place, and be disquieted

no more; neither shall
the children of wicked-
ness afflict them any
more, as at the first,
11even from the day that
I commanded judges to
be over My people Israel;
and I will cause thee to
rest from all thine en-
emies. Moreover the
LORD telleth thee that the
LORD will make thee a
house. 12When thy days
are fulfilled, and thou
shalt sleep with thy
fathers, I will set up thy
seed after thee, that shall
proceed out of thy body,
and I will establish his
kingdom. 13He shall build
a house for My name, and
I will establish the throne
of his kingdom for ever.
14I will be to him for a
father, and he shall be to
Me for a son; if he com-
mit iniquity, I will chast-
en him with the rod of
men, and with the stripes
of the children of men;
15but My mercy shall not
depart from him, as I
took it from Saul, whom
I put away before thee.
16And thy house and thy
kingdom shall be made
sure for ever before thee;
thy throne shall be es-
tablished for ever.' 17Ac-
cording to all these words,
and according to all this
vision, so did Nathan
speak unto David.

18Then David the king
went in, and sat before
the LORD; and he said:
'Who am I, O Lord GOD,
and what is my house,
that Thou hast brought
me thus far? 19And this
was yet a small thing in
Thine eyes, O Lord GOD;
but Thou hast spoken
also of Thy servant's
house for a great while
to come; and this too
after the manner of great
men, O Lord GOD. 20And
what can David say more
unto Thee? for Thou
knowest Thy servant, O
Lord GOD. 21For Thy
word's sake, and accord-
ing to Thine own heart,
hast Thou wrought all
this greatness, to make
Thy servant know it.
22Therefore Thou art
great, O LORD God; for
there is none like Thee,
neither is there any God
beside Thee, according to
all that we have heard
with our ears. 23And who
is like Thy people, like
Israel, a nation one in the
earth, whom God went to
redeem unto Himself for
a people, and to make
Him a name, and to do
for Thy land great things
and tremendous. even for

you, [in driving out]
from before Thy people,
whom Thou didst redeem
to Thee out of Egypt, the
nations and their gods?
[24]And Thou didst estab-
lish to Thyself Thy peo-
ple Israel to be a people
unto Thee for ever; and
Thou, LORD, becamest
their God. [25]And now, O
LORD God, the word that
Thou hast spoken con-
cerning Thy servant, and
concerning his house,
confirm Thou it for ever,
and do as Thou hast
spoken. [26]And let Thy
name be magnified for
ever, that it may be said:
The LORD of hosts is God
over Israel; and the house
of Thy servant David
shall be established be-
fore Thee. [27]For Thou, O
LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel, hast revealed to
Thy servant, saying: I
will build thee a house;
therefore hath Thy serv-
ant taken heart to pray
this prayer unto Thee.
[28]And now, O Lord GOD,
Thou alone art God, and
Thy words are truth, and
Thou hast promised this
good thing unto Thy serv-
ant; [29]now therefore let
it please Thee to bless
the house of Thy servant,
that it may continue
for ever before Thee;
for Thou, O Lord GOD,
hast spoken it; and
through Thy blessing
let the house of Thy
servant be blessed for
ever.'

FIRST KINGS

3 [3]AND Solomon loved
the LORD, walking in
the statutes of David his
father; only he sacrificed
and offered in the high
places.
[4]And the king went to
Gibeon to sacrifice there;
for that was the great
high place; a thousand
burnt-offerings did Sol-
omon offer upon that
altar. [5]In Gibeon the
LORD appeared to Solo-
mon in a dream by night;
and God said: 'Ask what
I shall give thee.' [6]And
Solomon said: 'Thou hast
shown unto Thy servant
David my father great
kindness, according as he
walked before Thee in
truth, and in righteous-
ness, and in uprightness
of heart with Thee; and
Thou hast kept for him

this great kindness, that
Thou hast given him a
son to sit on his throne,
as it is this day. 7And
now, O LORD my God,
Thou hast made Thy serv-
ant king instead of
David my father; and I
am but a little child; I
know not how to go out
or come in. 8And Thy
servant is in the midst
of Thy people which
Thou hast chosen, a great
people, that cannot be
numbered nor counted for
multitude. 9Give Thy serv-
ant therefore an under-
standing heart to judge
Thy people, that I may
discern between good and
evil; for who is able to
judge this Thy great
people?' 10And the speech
pleased the Lord, that
Solomon had asked this
thing. 11And God said
unto him: 'Because thou
hast asked this thing, and
hast not asked for thy-
self long life; neither
hast asked riches for
thyself, nor hast asked
the life of thine enemies;
but hast asked for thyself
understanding to discern
justice; 12behold, I have
done according to thy
word: lo, I have given
thee a wise and an un-
derstanding heart; so
that there hath been
none like thee before
thee, neither after thee
shall any arise like unto
thee. 13And I have also
given thee that which
thou hast not asked, both
riches and honour—so
that there hath not been
any among the kings like
unto thee—all thy days.
14And if thou wilt walk
in My ways, to keep My
statutes and My com-
mandments, as thy father
David did walk, then I
will lengthen thy days.'
15And Solomon awoke,
and, behold, it was a
dream; and he came to
Jerusalem, and stood be-
fore the ark of the cove-
nant of the LORD, and
offered up burnt-offerings,
and offered peace-offer-
ings, and made a feast to
all his servants.

17 And Elijah the Tish-
bite, who was of the
settlers of Gilead, said
unto Ahab: 'As the LORD,
the God of Israel, liveth,
before whom I stand,
there shall not be dew
nor rain these years, but
according to my word.'
2And the word of the
LORD came unto him, say-
ing: 3'Get thee hence,
and turn thee eastward,
and hide thyself by the
brook Cherith, that is be-

fore the Jordan. [4]And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.' [5]So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD; for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. [6]And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. [7]And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

[8]And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying: [9]'Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee.' [10]So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her, and said: 'Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.' [11]And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said: 'Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thy hand.' [12]And she said: 'As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, only a handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the cruse; and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' [13]And Elijah said unto her: 'Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee and for thy son. [14]For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: The jar of meal shall not be spent, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the land.' [15]And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. [16]The jar of meal was not spent, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Elijah.

[17]And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

[18]And she said unto Elijah: 'What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?' [19]And he said unto her: 'Give me thy son.' And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the upper chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. [20]And he cried unto the LORD, and said: 'O LORD my God, hast Thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?' [21]And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said: 'O LORD my God, I pray Thee, let this child's soul come back into him.' [22]And the LORD hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back into him, and he revived. [23]And Elijah took the child, nd brought him down out of the upper chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and Elijah said: 'See, thy son liveth.' [24]And the woman said to Elijah: 'Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.'

18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying: 'Go, show thyself unto Ahab, and I will send rain upon the land.' [2]And Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab.

And the famine was sore in Samaria. [3]And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. —Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly; [4]for it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.—[5]And Ahab said unto Obadiah: 'Go through the land, unto all the springs of water, and unto all the brooks; peradventure we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.' [6]So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

[7]And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew

him, and fell on his face, and said: 'Is it thou, my lord Elijah?' [8]And he answered him: 'It is I; go, tell thy lord: Behold, Elijah is here.' [9]And he said: 'Wherein have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? [10]As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee; and when they said: He is not here, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. [11]And now thou sayest: Go, tell thy lord: Behold, Elijah is here. [12]And it will come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the LORD will carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he will slay me; but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth. [13]Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? [14]And now thou sayest: Go, tell thy lord: Behold, Elijah is here; and he will slay me.' [15]And Elijah said: 'As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him to-day.'

[16]So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. [17]And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him: 'Is it thou, thou troubler of Israel?' [18]And he answered: 'I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed the Baalim. [19]Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the Asherah four hundred, that eat at Jezebel's table.'

[20]And Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. [21]And Elijah came near unto all the people, and said: 'How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.' And

the people answered him
not a word. 22Then said
Elijah unto the people:
'I, even I only, am left a
prophet of the LORD; but
Baal's prophets are four
hundred and fifty men.
23Let them therefore give
us two bullocks; and let
them choose one bullock
for themselves, and cut
it in pieces, and lay it on
the wood, and put no fire
under; and I will dress
the other bullock, and
lay it on the wood, and
put no fire under. 24And
call ye on the name of
your god, and I will call
on the name of the LORD;
and the God that an-
swereth by fire, let him
be God.' And all the
people answered and said:
'It is well spoken.'
25And Elijah said unto
the prophets of Baal:
'Choose you one bullock
for yourselves, and dress
it first; for ye are many;
and call on the name of
your god, but put no fire
under.' 26And they took
the bullock which was
given them, and they
dressed it, and called on
the name of Baal from
morning even until noon,
saying: 'O Baal, answer
us.' But there was no
voice, nor any that an-
swered. And they danced
in halting wise about the
altar which was made.
27And it came to pass at
noon, that Elijah mocked
them, and said: 'Cry
aloud; for he is a god;
either he is musing, or he
is gone aside, or he is in
a journey, or peradven-
ture he sleepeth, and must
be awaked.' 28And they
cried aloud, and cut
themselves after their
manner with swords and
lances, till the blood
gushed out upon them.
29And it was so, when
midday was past, that
they prophesied until the
time of the offering of
the evening offering; but
there was neither voice,
nor any to answer, nor
any that regarded.
30And Elijah said unto
all the people: 'Come
near unto me'; and all
the people came near
unto him. And he re-
paired the altar of the
LORD that was thrown
down. 31And Elijah took
twelve stones, according
to the number of the
tribes of the sons of
Jacob, unto whom the
word of the LORD came,
saying: 'Israel shall be
thy name.' 32And with
the stones he built an
altar in the name of the
LORD; and he made a

trench about the altar, as
great as would contain
two measures of seed.
[33]And he put the wood in
order, and cut the bullock
in pieces, and laid it on
the wood. [34]And he said:
'Fill four jars with water,
and pour it on the burnt-
offering, and on the wood.'
And he said: 'Do it the
second time'; and they
did it the second time.
And he said: 'Do it the
third time'; and they did
it the third time. [35]And
the water ran round
about the altar; and he
filled the trench also with
water. [36]And it came to
pass at the time of the
offering of the evening
offering, that Elijah the
prophet came near, and
said: 'O LORD, the God of
Abraham, of Isaac, and of
Israel, let it be known
this day that Thou art
God in Israel, and that I
am Thy servant, and that
I have done all these
things at Thy word.
[37]Hear me, O LORD, hear
me, that this people may
know that Thou, LORD,
art God, for Thou didst
turn their heart back-
ward.' [38]Then the fire of
the LORD fell, and con-
sumed the burnt-offering,
and the wood, and the
stones, and the dust, and
licked up the water that
was in the trench. [39]And
when all the people saw
it, they fell on their
faces; and they said:
'The LORD, He is God; the
LORD, He is God.' [40]And
Elijah said unto them:
'Take the prophets of
Baal; let not one of them
escape.' And they took
them; and Elijah brought
them down to the brook
Kishon, and slew them
there.

[41]And Elijah said unto
Ahab: 'Get thee up, eat
and drink; for there is the
sound of abundance of
rain.' [42]So Ahab went up
to eat and to drink. And
Elijah went up to the top
of Carmel; and he bowed
himself down upon the
earth, and put his face
between his knees. [43]And
he said to his servant:
'Go up now, look toward
the sea.' And he went
up, and looked, and said:
'There is nothing.' And
he said: 'Go again seven
times.' [44]And it came to
pass at the seventh time,
that he said: 'Behold,
there ariseth a cloud out
of the sea, as small as a
man's hand.' And he
said: 'Go up, say unto
Ahab: Make ready thy
chariot, and get thee
down, that the rain stop

thee not.' [45]And it came to pass in a little while, that the heaven grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. [46]And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

SECOND KINGS

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. [2]Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. [3]And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. [4]He removed the high places, and broke the pillars, and cut down the Asherah; and he broke in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel did offer to it; and it was called Nehushtan. [5]He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him. [6]For he cleaved to the LORD, he departed not from following him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. [7]And the LORD was with him: whithersoever he went forth he prospered; and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. [8]He smote the Philistines unto Gaza and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city.

[9]And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. [10]And at the end of three years they took it; even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which

was the ninth year of
Hoshea king of Israel,
Samaria was taken. [11]And
the king of Assyria
carried Israel away unto
Assyria, and put them in
Halah, and in Habor, on
the river of Gozan, and
in the cities of the Medes;
[12]because they hearkened
not to the voice of the
LORD their God, but trans-
gressed His covenant,
even all that Moses the
servant of the LORD com-
manded, and would not
hear it, nor do it.

[13]Now in the fourteenth
year of king Hezekiah
did Sennacherib king of
Assyria come up against
all the fortified cities of
Judah, and took them.
[14]And Hezekiah king of
Judah sent to the king
of Assyria to Lachish,
saying: 'I have offended;
return from me; that
which thou puttest on me
will I bear.' And the
king of Assyria appointed
unto Hezekiah king of
Judah three hundred
talents of silver and
thirty talents of gold.
[15]And Hezekiah gave him
all the silver that was
found in the house of the
LORD, and in the treasures
of the king's house. [16]At
that time did Hezekiah
cut off the gold from the
doors of the temple of the
LORD, and from the door-
posts which Hezekiah
king of Judah had over-
laid, and gave it to the
king of Assyria.

[17]And the king of As-
syria sent Tartan and
Rab-saris and Rab-
shakeh from Lachish to
king Hezekiah with a
great army unto Jerusa-
lem. And they went up
and came to Jerusalem.
And when they were come
up, they came and stood
by the conduit of the
upper pool, which is in
the highway of the fullers'
field. [18]And when they
had called to the king,
there came out to them
Eliakim the son of Hil-
kiah, who was over the
household, and Shebnah
the scribe, and Joah the
son of Asaph the re-
corder.

[19]And Rab-shakeh said
unto them: 'Say ye now
to Hezekiah: Thus saith
the great king, the king
of Assyria: What confi-
dence is this wherein
thou trustest? [20]Sayest
thou that a mere word of
the lips is counsel and
strength for the war?
Now on whom dost thou
trust, that thou hast re-
belled against me? [21]Now,
behold, thou trustest

upon the staff of this
bruised reed, even upon
Egypt; whereon if a man
lean, it will go into his
hand, and pierce it; so is
Pharaoh king of Egypt
unto all that trust on
him. 22But if ye say unto
me: We trust in the
LORD our God; is not that
He, whose high places
and whose altars Heze-
kiah hath taken away,
and hath said to Judah
and to Jerusalem: Ye
shall worship before this
altar in Jerusalem? 23Now
therefore, I pray thee,
make a wager with my
master the king of As-
syria, and I will give thee
two thousand horses, if
thou be able on thy part
to set riders upon them.
24How then canst thou
turn away the face of one
captain, even of the least
of my master's servants?
and yet thou puttest thy
trust on Egypt for char-
iots and for horsemen!
25Am I now come up
without the LORD against
this place to destroy it?
The LORD said unto me:
Go up against this land,
and destroy it.'

26Then said Eliakim the
son of Hilkiah, and
Shebnah, and Joah, unto
Rab-shakeh: 'Speak, I
pray thee, to thy servants
in the Aramean language;
for we understand it; and
speak not with us in the
Jews' language, in the
ears of the people that
are on the wall.' 27But
Rab-shakeh said unto
them: 'Hath my master
sent me to thy master,
and to thee, to speak
these words? hath he not
sent me to the men that
sit on the wall, to eat
their own dung, and to
drink their own water
with you?' 28Then Rab-
shakeh stood, and cried
with a loud voice in the
Jews' language, and spoke,
saying: 'Hear ye the
word of the great king,
the king of Assyria.
29Thus saith the king:
Let not Hezekiah beguile
you; for he will not be
able to deliver you out of
his hand; 30neither let
Hezekiah make you trust
in the LORD, saying: The
LORD will surely deliver
us, and this city shall not
be given into the hand of
the king of Assyria.
31Hearken not to Heze-
kiah; for thus saith the
king of Assyria: Make
your peace with me, and
come out to me; and eat
ye every one of his vine,
and every one of his fig-
tree, and drink ye every
one the waters of his own

cistern; 32until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive-trees and of honey, that ye may live, and not die; and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying: The LORD will deliver us. 33Hath any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 35Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?'

36But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying: 'Answer him not.' 37Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

19 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. 2And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3And they said unto him: 'Thus saith Hezekiah: This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to taunt the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD thy God hath heard; wherefore make prayer for the remnant that is left.' 5So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6And Isaiah said unto them: 'Thus shall ye say to your master: Thus saith the LORD: Be not afraid of the words

that thou hast heard,
wherewith the servants
of the king of Assyria
have blasphemed Me.
7Behold, I will put a spirit
in him, and he shall hear
a rumour, and shall re-
turn to his own land; and
I will cause him to fall
by the sword in his own
land.'
8So Rab-shakeh re-
turned, and found the
king of Assyria warring
against Libnah; for he
had heard that he was
departed from Lachish.
9And when he heard say
of Tirhakah king of
Ethiopia: 'Behold, he is
come out to fight against
thee'; he sent messengers
again unto Hezekiah, say-
ing: 10'Thus shall ye
speak to Hezekiah king
of Judah, saying: Let
not thy God in whom
thou trustest beguile thee,
saying: Jerusalem shall
not be given into the
hand of the king of As-
syria. 11Behold, thou hast
heard what the kings of
Assyria have done to all
lands, by destroying them
utterly; and shalt thou be
delivered? 12Have the
gods of the nations de-
livered them, which my
fathers have destroyed,
Gozan, and Haran, and
Rezeph, and the children
of Eden that were in
Telassar? 13Where is the
king of Hamath, and the
king of Arpad, and the
king of the city of Seph-
arvaim, of Hena, and
Ivvah?'
14And Hezekiah received
the letter from the hand
of the messengers, and
read it; and Hezekiah
went up unto the house
of the LORD, and spread
it before the LORD. 15And
Hezekiah prayed before
the LORD, and said: 'O
LORD, the God of Israel,
that sittest upon the
cherubim, Thou art the
God, even Thou alone, of
all the kingdoms of the
earth; Thou hast made
heaven and earth. 16In-
cline Thine ear, O LORD,
and hear; open Thine
eyes, O LORD, and see;
and hear the words of
Sennacherib, wherewith
he hath sent him to taunt
the living God. 17Of a
truth, LORD, the kings of
Assyria have laid waste
the nations and their
lands, 18and have cast
their gods into the fire;
for they were no gods,
but the work of men's
hands, wood and stone;
therefore they have de-
stroyed them. 19Now
therefore, O LORD our
God, save Thou us, I be-

seech Thee, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the LORD God, even Thou only.'

[20]Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying: 'Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Whereas thou hast prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard thee.
[21]This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him:

The virgin daughter of Zion
Hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem
Hath shaken her head at thee.
[22]Whom hast thou taunted and blasphemed?
And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice?
Yea, thou hast lifted up thine eyes on high,
Even against the Holy One of Israel!
[23]By thy messengers thou hast taunted the Lord,
And hast said: With the multitude of my chariots
Am I come up to the height of the mountains,
To the innermost parts of Lebanon;
And I have cut down the tall cedars thereof,
And the choice cypresses thereof;
And I have entered into his farthest lodge,
The forest of his fruitful field.
[24]I have digged and drunk
Strange waters,
And with the sole of my feet have I dried up
All the rivers of Egypt.

[25]Hast thou not heard?
Long ago I made it,
In ancient times I fashioned it;
Now have I brought it to pass,
Yea, it is done; that fortified cities
Should be laid waste into ruinous heaps.
[26]Therefore their inhabitants were of small power,
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were as the grass of the field,
And as the green herb,

As the grass on the housetops,
And as corn blasted before it is grown up.

[27]But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in,
And thy raging against Me.
[28]Because of thy raging against Me,
And for that thy tumult is come up into Mine ears,
Therefore will I put My hook in thy nose,
And My bridle in thy lips,
And I will turn thee back by the way
By which thou camest.
[29]And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.
[30]And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. [31]For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zion they that shall escape; the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform this. [32]Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor cast a mound against it. [33]By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come unto this city, saith the LORD. [34]For I will defend this city to save it, for Mine own sake, and for My servant David's sake.'
[35]And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred fourscore and five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. [36]So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. [37]And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sarezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

ISAIAH

2 [2]And it shall come to
pass in the end of
days,
That the mountain of
the LORD'S house
shall be established
as the top of the
mountains,
And shall be exalted
above the hills;
And all nations shall
flow unto it.
[3]And many peoples shall
go and say:
'Come ye, and let us go
up to the mountain
of the LORD,
To the house of the
God of Jacob;
And He will teach us
of His ways,
And we will walk in
His paths.'
For out of Zion shall go
forth the law,
And the word of the
LORD from Jerusalem.
[4]And He shall judge be-
tween the nations,
And shall decide for
many peoples;
And they shall beat
their swords into
plowshares,
And their spears into
pruning-hooks;
Nation shall not lift up
sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn
war any more.

[5]O house of Jacob, come
ye, and let us walk
In the light of the LORD.
[6]For Thou hast forsaken
Thy people the house
of Jacob;
For they are replen-
ished from the east,
And with soothsayers
like the Philistines,
And they please them-
selves in the brood
of aliens.
[7]Their land also is full
of silver and gold,
Neither is there any
end of their treas-
ures;
Their land also is full
of horses,
Neither is there any
end of their chari-
ots.
[8]Their land also is full
of idols;
Every one worshippeth
the work of his own
hands,
That which his own
fingers have made.
[9]And man boweth down,
And man lowereth him-
self;
And Thou canst not
bear with them.

[10]Enter into the rock,
And hide thee in the dust,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty.
[11]The lofty looks of man shall be brought low,
And the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down,
And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

[12]For the LORD of hosts hath a day
Upon all that is proud and lofty,
And upon all that is lifted up, and it shall be brought low;
[13]And upon all the cedars of Lebanon,
That are high and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;
[14]And upon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills that are lifted up;
[15]And upon every lofty tower,
And upon every fortified wall;
[16]And upon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all delightful imagery.
[17]And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low;
And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

[18]And the idols shall utterly pass away.
[19]And men shall go into the caves of the rocks,
And into the holes of the earth,
From before the terror of the Lord,
And from the glory of His majesty,
When He ariseth to shake mightily the earth.
[20]In that day a man shall cast away
His idols of silver, and his idols of gold,
Which they made for themselves to worship,
To the moles and to the bats;
[21]To go into the clefts of the rocks,
And into the crevices of the crags,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty,

When He ariseth to shake mightily the earth.

[22]Cease ye from man, in whose nostrils is a breath;
For how little is he to be accounted!

5 Let me sing of my well-beloved,
A song of my beloved touching his vineyard.
My well-beloved had a vineyard
In a very fruitful hill;
[2]And he digged it, and cleared it of stones,
And planted it with the choicest vine,
And built a tower in the midst of it,
And also hewed out a vat therein;
And he looked that it should bring forth grapes,
And it brought forth wild grapes.

[3]And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
[4]What could have been done more to my vineyard,
That I have not done in it?
Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes,
Brought it forth wild grapes?

[5]And now come, I will tell you
What I will do to my vineyard:
I will take away the hedge thereof,
And it shall be eaten up;
I will break down the fence thereof,
And it shall be trodden down;
[6]And I will lay it waste:
It shall not be pruned nor hoed,
But there shall come up briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain upon it.

[7]For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
And the men of Judah the plant of His delight;
And He looked for justice, but behold violence;
For righteousness, but behold a cry.

[8]Woe unto them that join house to house,
That lay field to field,
Till there be no room, and ye be made to dwell
Alone in the midst of the land!
[9]In mine ears said the LORD of hosts:
Of a truth many houses shall be desolate,
Even great and fair, without inhabitant.
[10]For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath,
And the seed of a homer shall yield an ephah.

[11]Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning,
That they may follow strong drink;
That tarry late into the night,
Till wine inflame them!
[12]And the harp and the psaltery, the tabret and the pipe,
And wine, are in their feasts;
But they regard not the work of the LORD,
Neither have they considered the operation of His hands.
[13]Therefore My people are gone into captivity,
For want of knowledge;
And their honourable men are famished,
And their multitude are parched with thirst.
[14]Therefore the nether-world hath enlarged her desire,
And opened her mouth without measure;
And down goeth their glory, and their tumult, and their uproar,
And he that rejoiceth among them.
[15]And man is bowed down,
And man is humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty are humbled;
[16]But the LORD of hosts is exalted through justice,
And God the Holy One is sanctified through righteousness.
[17]Then shall the lambs feed as in their pasture,
And the waste places of the fat ones shall wanderers eat.

[18]Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity,
And sin as it were with a cart rope,
[19]That say: 'Let Him make speed, let Him hasten His work,
That we may see it;

And let the counsel of
the Holy One of Israel
draw nigh and come,
That we may know it!'

20 Woe unto them that call
evil good,
And good evil;
That change darkness
into light,
And light into darkness;
That change bitter into
sweet,
And sweet into bitter!

21 Woe unto them that are
wise in their own
eyes,
And prudent in their
own sight!

22 Woe unto them that are
mighty to drink wine,
And men of strength to
mingle strong drink;
23 That justify the wicked
for a reward,
And take away the
righteousness of the
righteous from him!
24 Therefore as the tongue
of fire devoureth the
stubble,
And as the chaff is consumed in the flame,
So their root shall be as
rottenness,
And their blossom shall
go up as dust;
Because they have rejected the law of the
LORD of hosts,
And contemned the
word of the Holy One
of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger
of the LORD kindled
against His people,
And He hath stretched
forth His hand
against them, and
hath smitten them,
And the hills did tremble,
And their carcasses
were as refuse in the
midst of the streets.
For all this His anger is
not turned away,
But His hand is
stretched out still.

26 And He will lift up an
ensign to the nations
from far,
And will hiss unto them
from the end of the
earth;
And, behold, they shall
come with speed
swiftly;
27 None shall be weary nor
stumble among them;
None shall slumber nor
sleep;
Neither shall the girdle
of their loins be
loosed,
Nor the latchet of their
shoes be broken;
28 Whose arrows are
sharp,
And all their bows bent;

Their horses' hoofs shall
be counted like flint,
And their wheels like a
whirlwind;
[29]Their roaring shall be
like a lion,
They shall roar like
young lions, yea, they
shall roar,
And lay hold of the
prey, and carry it
away safe,
And there shall be none
to deliver.
[30]And they shall roar
against them in that
day
Like the roaring of the
sea;
And if one look unto the
land,
Behold darkness and
distress,
And the light is dark-
ened in the skies
thereof.

10 Woe unto them that
decree unrighteous
decrees,
And to the writers that
write iniquity;
[2]To turn aside the needy
from judgment,
And to take away the
right of the poor of
My people,
That widows may be
their spoil,
And that they may
make the fatherless
their prey!
[3]And what will ye do in
the day of visitation,
And in the ruin which
shall come from far?
To whom will ye flee
for help?
And where will ye leave
your glory?
[4]They can do nought ex-
cept crouch under the
captives,
And fall under the slain.
For all this His anger
is not turned away,
But His hand is
stretched out still.

[5]O Asshur, the rod of
Mine anger,
In whose hand as a staff
is Mine indignation!
[6]I do send him against
an ungodly nation,
And against the people
of My wrath do I give
him a charge,
To take the spoil, and to
take the prey,
And to tread them down
like the mire of the
streets.
[7]Howbeit he meaneth not
so,
Neither doth his heart
think so;
But it is in his heart to
destroy,

And to cut off nations
not a few.
[8]For he saith:
'Are not my princes all
of them kings?
[9]Is not Calno as Car-
chemish?
Is not Hamath as
Arpad?
Is not Samaria as Da-
mascus?
[10]As my hand hath
reached the kingdoms
of the idols,
Whose graven images
did exceed them of
Jerusalem and of Sa-
maria;
[11]Shall I not, as I have
done unto Samaria
and her idols,
So do to Jerusalem and
her idols?'
[12]Wherefore it shall come
to pass, that when the
Lord hath performed His
whole work upon mount
Zion and on Jerusalem, I
will punish the fruit of
the arrogant heart of the
king of Assyria, and the
glory of his haughty
looks. [13]For he hath said:
By the strength of my
hand I have done it,
And by my wisdom, for
I am prudent;
In that I have removed
the bounds of the
peoples,
And have robbed their
treasures,
And have brought down
as one mighty the
inhabitants;
[14]And my hand hath
found as a nest the
riches of the peoples;
And as one gathereth
eggs that are for-
saken,
Have I gathered all the
earth;
And there was none
that moved the wing,
Or that opened the
mouth, or chirped.

[15]Should the axe boast it-
self against him that
heweth therewith?
Should the saw magnify
itself against him that
moveth it?
As if a rod should move
them that lift it up,
Or as if a staff should
lift up him that is not
wood.
[16]Therefore will the Lord,
the LORD of hosts,
Send among his fat ones
leanness;
And under his glory
there shall be kindled
A burning like the
burning of fire.
[17]And the light of Israel
shall be for a fire,
And his Holy One for a
flame;
And it shall burn and
devour his thorns

And his briers in one day.
[18]And the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field,
He will consume both soul and body;
And it shall be as when a sick man wasteth away.
[19]And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few,
That a child may write them down.

[20]And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the remnant of Israel,
And they that are escaped of the house of Jacob,
Shall no more again stay upon him that smote them;
But shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
[21]A remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob,
Unto God the Mighty.
[22]For though thy people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,
Only a remnant of them shall return;
An extermination is determined, overflowing with righteousness.
[23]For an extermination wholly determined
Shall the Lord, the GOD of hosts, make in the midst of all the earth.

[24]Therefore thus saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts: O My people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of Asshur, though he smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. [25]For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall be accomplished, and Mine anger shall be to their destruction. [26]And the LORD of hosts shall stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Midian at the Rock of Oreb; and as His rod was over the sea, so shall He lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
[27]And it shall come to pass in that day, that
His burden shall depart from off thy shoulder,
And his yoke from off thy neck,
And the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of fatness.
[28]He is come to Aiath,
He is passed through Migron;
At Michmas he layeth up his baggage;

[29]They are gone over the pass;
They have taken up their lodging at Geba;
Ramah trembleth;
Gibeath-shaul is fled.
[30]Cry thou with a shrill voice, O daughter of Gallim!
Hearken, O Laish! O thou poor Anathoth!
[31]Madmenah is in mad flight;
The inhabitants of Gebim flee to cover.
[32]This very day shall he halt at Nob,
Shaking his hand at the mount of the daughter of Zion,
The hill of Jerusalem.

[33]Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts,
Shall lop the boughs with terror;
And the high ones of stature shall be hewn down,
And the lofty shall be laid low.
[34]And He shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron,
And Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

11 And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse,
And a twig shall grow forth out of his roots.
[2]And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
[3]And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD;
And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,
Neither decide after the hearing of his ears;
[4]But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the land;
And he shall smite the land with the rod of his mouth,
And with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
[5]And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
[6]And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

And the calf and the
young lion and the
fatling together;
And a little child shall
lead them.
7And the cow and the
bear shall feed;
Their young ones shall
lie down together;
And the lion shall eat
straw like the ox.
8And the sucking child
shall play on the hole
of the asp,
And the weaned child
shall put his hand on
the basilisk's den.
9They shall not hurt nor
destroy
In all My holy moun-
tain;
For the earth shall be
full of the knowledge
of the LORD,
As the waters cover the
sea.

10And it shall come to
pass in that day,
That the root of Jesse,
that standeth for an
ensign of the peoples,
Unto him shall the na-
tions seek;
And his resting-place
shall be glorious.

11And it shall come to
pass in that day,
That the Lord will set
His hand again the
second time
To recover the remnant
of His people,
That shall remain from
Assyria, and from
Egypt,
And from Pathros, and
from Cush, and from
Elam,
And from Shinar, and
from Hamath, and
from the islands of
the sea.
12And He will set up an
ensign for the nations,
And will assemble the
dispersed of Israel,
And gather together the
scattered of Judah
From the four corners
of the earth.
13The envy also of
Ephraim shall depart,
And they that harass
Judah shall be cut
off;
Ephraim shall not envy
Judah,
And Judah shall not
vex Ephraim.
14And they shall fly down
upon the shoulder of
the Philistines on the
west:
Together shall they
spoil the children of
the east;
They shall put forth
their hand upon
Edom and Moab;
And the children of
Ammon shall obey
them.

[15]And the LORD will
utterly destroy the
tongue of the Egyp-
tian sea;
And with His scorching
wind will He shake
His hand over the
River,
And will smite it into
seven streams,
And cause men to march
over dryshod.
[16]And there shall be a
highway for the rem-
nant of His people,
That shall remain from
Assyria;
Like as there was for
Israel
In the day that he came
up out of the land of
Egypt.

12 And in that day thou
shalt say:
'I will give thanks unto
Thee, O LORD;
For though Thou wast
angry with me,
Thine anger is turned
away, and Thou com-
fortest me.
[2]Behold, God is my sal-
vation;
I will trust, and will not
be afraid;
For GOD the LORD is my
strength and song;
And He is become my
salvation.'
[3]Therefore with joy shall
ye draw water
Out of the wells of sal-
vation.
[4]And in that day shall
ye say:
'Give thanks unto the
LORD, proclaim His
name,
Declare His doings
among the peoples,
Make mention that His
name is exalted.
[5]Sing unto the LORD; for
He hath done glori-
ously;
This is made known in
all the earth.
[6]Cry aloud and shout,
thou inhabitant of
Zion;
For great is the Holy
One of Israel in the
midst of thee.'

21 The burden of the
wilderness of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the
South sweeping on,
It cometh from the wil-
derness, from a
dreadful land.
[2]A grievous vision is de-
clared unto me:
'The treacherous dealer
dealeth treacherously,
and the spoiler
spoileth.
Go up, O Elam! besiege,
O Media!

All the sighing thereof
have I made to cease.'
[3]Therefore are my loins
filled with convulsion;
Pangs have taken hold
upon me, as the pangs
of a woman in travail;
I am bent so that I can-
not hear;
I am affrighted so that
I cannot see.
[4]My heart is bewildered,
terror hath over-
whelmed me;
The twilight that I
longed for hath been
turned for me into
trembling.
[5]They prepare the table,
they light the lamps,
they eat, they drink—
'Rise up, ye princes,
anoint the shield.'

[6]For thus hath the Lord
said unto me:
Go, set a watchman;
Let him declare what he
seeth!
[7]And when he seeth a
troop, horsemen by
pairs,
A troop of asses, a troop
of camels,
He shall hearken dili-
gently with much
heed.
[8]And he cried as a lion:
'Upon the watch-
tower, O Lord,
I stand continually in
the day-time,
And I am set in my
ward all the nights.'
[9]And, behold, there came
a troop of men, horse-
men by pairs.
And he spoke and said:
'Fallen, fallen is Baby-
lon;
And all the graven im-
ages of her gods are
broken unto the
ground.'
[10]O thou my threshing,
and the winnowing of
my floor,
That which I have heard
from the LORD of
hosts,
The God of Israel, have
I declared unto you.

[11]The burden of Dumah.

One calleth unto me out
of Seir:
'Watchman, what of the
night?
Watchman, what of the
night?'
[12]The watchman said:
'The morning cometh,
and also the night—
If ye will inquire, in-
quire ye; return,
come.'

[13]The burden upon Ara-
bia.

In the thickets in Ara-
bia shall ye lodge, O
ye caravans of Ded-
anites.

[14]Unto him that is thirsty
bring ye water!
The inhabitants of the
land of Tema did
meet the fugitive with
his bread.
[15]For they fled away from
the swords, from the
drawn sword,
And from the bent bow,
and from the griev-
ousness of war.
[16]For thus hath the Lord
said unto me: 'Within a
year, according to the
years of a hireling, and all
the glory of Kedar shall
fail; [17]and the residue of
the number of the archers,
the mighty men of the
children of Kedar, shall be
diminished; for the LORD,
the God of Israel, hath
spoken it.'

25 O LORD, Thou art my
God,
I will exalt Thee, I will
praise Thy name,
For Thou hast done
wonderful things;
Even counsels of old, in
faithfulness and
truth.
[2]For Thou hast made of
a city a heap,
Of a fortified city a
ruin;
A castle of strangers to
be no city,
It shall never be built.
[3]Therefore shall the
strong people glorify
Thee,
The city of the terrible
nations shall fear
Thee.
[4]For Thou hast been a
stronghold to the
poor,
A stronghold to the
needy in his distress,
A refuge from the
storm, a shadow from
the heat;
For the blast of the
terrible ones was as
a storm against the
wall.
[5]As the heat in a dry
place, Thou didst
subdue the noise of
strangers;
As the heat by the
shadow of a cloud,
the song of the terri-
ble ones was brought
low.

[6]And in this mountain
will the LORD of hosts
make unto all peoples
A feast of fat things, a
feast of wines on the
lees,
Of fat things full of
marrow, of wines on
the lees well refined.
[7]And He will destroy in
this mountain
The face of the cover-
ing that is cast over
all peoples,

And the veil that is
spread over all na-
tions.
[8]He will swallow up
death for ever;
And the Lord GOD will
wipe away tears from
off all faces;
And the reproach of
His people will He
take away from off
all the earth;
For the LORD hath
spoken it.

[9]And it shall be said in
that day:
'Lo, this is our God,
For whom we waited,
that He might save
us;
This is the LORD, for
whom we waited,
We will be glad and re-
joice in His salva-
tion.'
[10]For in this mountain
will the hand of the
LORD rest,
And Moab shall be
trodden down in his
place,
Even as straw is trod-
den down in the
dunghill.
[11]And when he shall
spread forth his hands
in the midst thereof,
As he that swimmeth
spreadeth forth his
hands to swim,
His pride shall be
brought down to-
gether with the cun-
ning of his hands.
[12]And the high fortress
of thy walls will He
bring down, lay low,
And bring to the ground,
even to the dust.

27 In that day the LORD
with His sore and
great and strong sword
will punish leviathan the
slant serpent, and levia-
than the tortuous serpent;
and He will slay the
dragon that is in the sea.
[2]In that day sing ye of
her:
'A vineyard of foaming
wine!'
[3]I the LORD do guard it,
I water it every mo-
ment;
Lest Mine anger visit it,
I guard it night and day.
[4]Fury is not in Me;
Would that I were as
the briers and thorns
in flame!
I would with one step
burn it altogether.
[5]Or else let him take hold
of My strength,
That he may make
peace with Me;
Yea, let him make peace
with Me.
[6]In days to come shall
Jacob take root,

Israel shall blossom and bud;
And the face of the world shall be filled with fruitage.

7Hath He smitten him as He smote those that smote him?
Or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that were slain by Him?
8In full measure, when Thou sendest her away, Thou dost contend with her;
He hath removed her with His rough blast in the day of the east wind.
9Therefore by this shall the iniquity of Jacob be expiated,
And this is all the fruit of taking away his sin:
When he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in pieces,
So that the Asherim and the sun-images shall rise no more.
10For the fortified city is solitary,
A habitation abandoned and forsaken, like the wilderness;
There shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down,
And consume the branches thereof.
11When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off;
The women shall come, and set them on fire;
For it is a people of no understanding;
Therefore He that made them will not have compassion upon them,
And He that formed them will not be gracious unto them.

12And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the LORD will beat off [His fruit]
From the flood of the River unto the Brook of Egypt,
And ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13And it shall come to pass in that day,
That a great horn shall be blown;
And they shall come that were lost in the land of Assyria,
And they that were dispersed in the land of Egypt;
And they shall worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

35 The wilderness and the parched land shall be glad;
And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice,
Even with joy and singing;
The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it,
The excellency of Carmel and Sharon;
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
The excellency of our God.
3 Strengthen ye the weak hands,
And make firm the tottering knees.
4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart: 'Be strong, fear not';
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
With the recompense of God He will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6 Then shall the lame man leap as a hart,
And the tongue of the dumb shall sing;
For in the wilderness shall waters break out,
And streams in the desert.
7 And the parched land shall become a pool,
And the thirsty ground springs of water;
In the habitation of jackals herds shall lie down,
It shall be an enclosure for reeds and rushes.
8 And a highway shall be there, and a way,
And it shall be called The way of holiness;
The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those;
The wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein.
9 No lion shall be there,
Nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon.
They shall not be found there;
But the redeemed shall walk there;
10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

40 Comfort ye, comfort
ye My people,
Saith your God.
2 Bid Jerusalem take
heart,
And proclaim unto her,
That her time of service
is accomplished,
That her guilt is paid
off;
That she hath received
of the LORD'S hand
Double for all her sins.

3 Hark! one calleth:
'Clear ye in the wilder-
ness the way of the
LORD,
Make plain in the
desert
A highway for our God.
4 Every valley shall be
lifted up,
And every mountain
and hill shall be made
low;
And the rugged shall be
made level,
And the rough places
a plain;
5 And the glory of the
LORD shall be re-
vealed,
And all flesh shall see
it together;
For the mouth of the
LORD hath spoken it.'

6 Hark! one saith: 'Pro-
claim!'
And he saith: 'What
shall I proclaim?'
'All flesh is grass,
And all the goodliness
thereof is as the
flower of the field;
7 The grass withereth,
the flower fadeth;
Because the breath of
the LORD bloweth
upon it—
Surely the people is
grass.
8 The grass withereth,
the flower fadeth;
But the word of our
God shall stand for
ever.'

9 O thou that tellest good
tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the
high mountain;
O thou that tellest good
tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with
strength;
Lift it up, be not
afraid;
Say unto the cities of
Judah:
'Behold your God!'
10 Behold, the Lord GOD
will come as a Mighty
One,
And His arm will rule
for Him;
Behold, His reward is
with Him,
And His recompense
before Him.
11 Even as a shepherd
that feedeth his flock,

That gathereth the lambs in his arm,
And carrieth them in his bosom,
And gently leadeth those that give suck.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
And meted out heaven with the span,
And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
And weighed the mountains in scales,
And the hills in a balance?
13 Who hath meted out the spirit of the LORD?
Or who was His counsellor that he might instruct Him?
14 With whom took He counsel, and who instructed Him,
And taught Him in the path of right,
And taught Him knowledge,
And made Him to know the way of discernment?
15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket,
And are counted as the small dust of the balance;
Behold, the isles are as a mote in weight.
16 And Lebanon is not sufficient fuel,
Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for burnt-offerings.
17 All the nations are as nothing before Him;
They are accounted by Him as things of nought, and vanity.
18 To whom then will ye liken God?
Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him?
19 The image perchance, which the craftsman hath melted,
And the goldsmith spread over with gold,
The silversmith casting silver chains?
20 A holm-oak is set apart,
He chooseth a tree that will not rot;
He seeketh unto him a cunning craftsman
To set up an image, that shall not be moved.

21 Know ye not? hear ye not?
Hath it not been told you from the beginning?
Have ye not understood the foundations of the earth?

22 It is He that sitteth
above the circle of
the earth,
And the inhabitants
thereof are as grass-
hoppers;
That stretcheth out the
heavens as a curtain,
And spreadeth them
out as a tent to
dwell in;
23 That bringeth princes
to nothing;
He maketh the judges
of the earth as a
thing of nought.
24 Scarce are they planted,
Scarce are they sown,
Scarce hath their stock
taken root in the
earth;
When He bloweth upon
them, they wither,
And the whirlwind
taketh them away as
stubble.
25 To whom then will ye
liken Me, that I
should be equal?
Saith the Holy One.
26 Lift up your eyes on
high,
And see: who hath
created these?
He that bringeth out
their host by number,
He calleth them all by
name;
By the greatness of His
might, and for that
He is strong in power,
Not one faileth.
27 Why sayest thou, O
Jacob,
And speakest, O Israel:
'My way is hid from
the LORD,
And my right is passed
over from my God'?
28 Hast thou not known?
hast thou not heard
That the everlasting
God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends
of the earth,
Fainteth not, neither is
weary?
His discernment is past
searching out.
29 He giveth power to the
faint;
And to him that hath
no might He in-
creaseth strength.
30 Even the youths shall
faint and be weary,
And the young men
shall utterly fall;
31 But they that wait for
the LORD shall renew
their strength;
They shall mount up
with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not
be weary;
They shall walk, and
not faint.

55 Ho, every one that
thirsteth, come ye
for water,
And he that hath no
money;

Come ye, buy, and eat;
Yea, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.
[2]Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?
And your gain for that which satisfieth not?
Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good,
And let your soul delight itself in fatness.
[3]Incline your ear, and come unto Me;
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
Even the sure mercies of David.
[4]Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples,
A prince and commander to the peoples.
[5]Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not,
And a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee;
Because of the LORD thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel, for He hath glorified thee.
[6]Seek ye the LORD while He may be found,
Call ye upon Him while He is near;
[7]Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the man of iniquity his thoughts;
And let him return unto the LORD, and He will have compassion upon him,
And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
[8]For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.
[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.
[10]For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven,
And returneth not thither,
Except it water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
And give seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
[11]So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth:

It shall not return unto
Me void,
Except it accomplish
that which I please,
And make the thing
whereto I sent it
prosper.
12 For ye shall go out
with joy,
And be led forth with
peace;
The mountains and the
hills shall break forth
before you into sing-
ing,
And all the trees of the
field shall clap their
hands.
13 Instead of the thorn
shall come up the
cypress,
And instead of the brier
shall come up the
myrtle;
And it shall be to the
LORD for a memorial,
For an everlasting sign
that shall not be cut
off.

58 Cry aloud, spare not,
Lift up thy voice like
a horn,
And declare unto My
people their trans-
gression,
And to the house of
Jacob their sins.
2 Yet they seek Me daily,
And delight to know
My ways;
As a nation that did
righteousness,
And forsook not the or-
dinance of their God,
They ask of Me right-
eous ordinances,
They delight to draw
near unto God.

3 'Wherefore have we
fasted, and Thou
seest not?
Wherefore have we af-
flicted our soul, and
Thou takest no knowl-
edge?'—
Behold, in the day of
your fast ye pursue
your business,
And exact all your
labours.
4 Behold, ye fast for
strife and contention,
And to smite with the
fist of wickedness;
Ye fast not this day
So as to make your
voice to be heard on
high.
5 Is such the fast that I
have chosen?
The day for a man to
afflict his soul?
Is it to bow down his
head as a bulrush,
And to spread sack-
cloth and ashes under
him?
Wilt thou call this a
fast,
And an acceptable day
to the LORD?

[6]Is not this the fast that
I have chosen?
To loose the fetters of
wickedness,
To undo the bands of
the yoke,
And to let the op-
pressed go free,
And that ye break
every yoke?
[7]Is it not to deal thy
bread to the hungry,
And that thou bring
the poor that are cast
out to thy house?
When thou seest the
naked, that thou
cover him,
And that thou hide not
thyself from thine
own flesh?
[8]Then shall thy light
break forth as the
morning,
And thy healing shall
spring forth speedily;
And thy righteousness
shall go before thee,
The glory of the LORD
shall be thy rearward.
[9]Then shalt thou call,
and the LORD will
answer;
Thou shalt cry, and He
will say: 'Here I am.'
If thou take away from
the midst of thee the
yoke,
The putting forth of
the finger, and speak-
ing wickedness;
[10]And if thou draw out
thy soul to the
hungry,
And satisfy the afflicted
soul;
Then shall thy light
rise in darkness,
And thy gloom be as
the noonday;
[11]And the LORD will guide
thee continually,
And satisfy thy soul in
drought,
And make strong thy
bones;
And thou shalt be like
a watered garden,
And like a spring of
water, whose waters
fail not.
[12]And they that shall be
of thee shall build
the old waste places,
Thou shalt raise up the
foundations of many
generations;
And thou shalt be called
The repairer of the
breach,
The restorer of paths
to dwell in.
[13]If thou turn away thy
foot because of the
sabbath,
From pursuing thy
business on My holy
day;
And call the sabbath a
delight,
And the holy of the
LORD honourable;

And shalt honour it, not doing thy wonted ways,
Nor pursuing thy business, nor speaking thereof;
[14]Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD,
And I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth,
And I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father;
For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

61 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;
Because the LORD hath anointed me
To bring good tidings unto the humble;
He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the eyes to them that are bound;
[2]To proclaim the year of the LORD'S good pleasure,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all that mourn;
[3]To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
To give unto them a garland for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called terebinths of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, wherein He might glory.
[4]And they shall build the old wastes,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall renew the waste cities,
The desolations of many generations,
[5]And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And aliens shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
[6]But ye shall be named the priests of the LORD,
Men shall call you the ministers of our God;
Ye shall eat the wealth of the nations,
And in their splendour shall ye revel.
[7]For your shame which was double,
And for that they rejoiced: 'Confusion is their portion';

Therefore in their land they shall possess double,
Everlasting joy shall be unto them.

For I the LORD love justice,
hate robbery with iniquity;
And I will give them their recompense in truth,
And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
[9]And their seed shall be known among the nations,
And their offspring among the peoples;
All that see them shall acknowledge them,
That they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

[10]I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He hath covered me with the robe of victory,
As a bridegroom putteth on a priestly diadem,
And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
[11]For as the earth bringeth forth her growth,
And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord GOD will cause victory and glory
To spring forth before all the nations.

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30 [23]BEHOLD, a storm of the LORD is gone forth in fury,
A sweeping storm;
It shall whirl upon the head of the wicked.
[24]The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return,
Until He have executed, and till He have performed
The purposes of His heart;
In the end of days ye shall consider it.

31 At that time, saith the LORD,
Will I be the God of all the families of Israel,
And they shall be My people.

[2]Thus saith the LORD:
The people that were left of the sword

Have found grace in
the wilderness,
Even Israel, when I go
to cause him to rest.
[3]'From afar the LORD
appeared unto me.'
'Yea, I have loved thee
with an everlasting
love;
Therefore with affec-
tion have I drawn
thee.
[4]Again will I build thee,
and thou shalt be
built,
O virgin of Israel;
Again shalt thou be
adorned with thy
tabrets,
And shalt go forth in
the dances of them
that make merry.
[5]Again shalt thou plant
vineyards upon the
mountains of Sa-
maria;
The planters shall plant,
and shall have the
use thereof.
[6]For there shall be a
day,
That the watchmen
shall call upon the
mount Ephraim:
Arise ye, and let us go
up to Zion,
Unto the LORD our God.'

[7]For thus saith the LORD:
Sing with gladness for
Jacob,
And shout at the head
of the nations;
Announce ye, praise ye,
and say:
'O LORD, save Thy
people,
The remnant of Israel.'
[8]Behold, I will bring
them from the north
country,
And gather them from
the uttermost parts
of the earth,
And with them the
blind and the lame,
The woman with child
and her that trav-
aileth with child to-
gether;
A great company shall
they return hither.
[9]They shall come with
weeping,
And with supplications
will I lead them;
I will cause them to
walk by rivers of
waters,
In a straight way
wherein they shall not
stumble;
For I am become a
father to Israel,
And Ephraim is My
first-born.

[10]Hear the word of the
LORD, O ye nations,
And declare it in the
isles afar off, and say:
'He that scattered Israel
doth gather him,

And keep him, as a
shepherd doth his
flock.'
11 For the LORD hath ran-
somed Jacob,
And He redeemeth him
from the hand of him
that is stronger than
he.
12 And they shall come
and sing in the height
of Zion,
And shall flow unto the
goodness of the LORD,
To the corn, and to the
wine, and to the oil,
And to the young of
the flock and of the
herd;
And their soul shall be
as a watered garden,
And they shall not pine
any more at all.
13 Then shall the virgin
rejoice in the dance,
And the young men and
the old together;
For I will turn their
mourning into joy,
And will comfort them,
and make them re-
joice from their sor-
row.
14 And I will satiate the
soul of the priests
with fatness,
And My people shall be
satisfied with My
goodness,
Saith the LORD.

15 Thus saith the LORD:
A voice is heard in
Ramah,
Lamentation, and bitter
weeping,
Rachel weeping for her
children;
She refuseth to be com-
forted for her children,
Because they are not.

16 Thus saith the LORD:
Refrain thy voice from
weeping,
And thine eyes from
tears;
For thy work shall be
rewarded, saith the
LORD;
And they shall come
back from the land of
the enemy.
17 And there is hope for
thy future, saith the
LORD;
And thy children shall
return to their own
border.
18 I have surely heard
Ephraim bemoaning
himself:
'Thou hast chastised
me, and I was chas-
tised,
As a calf untrained;
Turn Thou me, and I
shall be turned,
For Thou art the LORD
my God.
19 Surely after that I was
turned, I repented,

And after that I was
instructed, I smote
upon my thigh;
I was ashamed, yea,
even confounded,
Because I did bear the
reproach of my
youth.'
[20]Is Ephraim a darling
son unto Me?
Is he a child that is
dandled?
For as often as I speak
of him,
I do earnestly remember him still;
Therefore My heart
yearneth for him,
I will surely have compassion upon him,
saith the LORD.

[21]Set thee up waymarks,
Make thee guide-posts;
Set thy heart toward
the highway,
Even the way by which
thou wentest;
Return, O virgin of
Israel,
Return to these thy
cities.
[22]How long wilt thou
turn away coyly,
O thou backsliding
daughter?
For the LORD hath
created a new thing
in the earth:
A woman shall court a
man.

[23]Thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of
Israel:
Yet again shall they
use this speech
In the land of Judah
and in the cities
thereof,
When I shall turn their
captivity:
'The LORD bless thee,
O habitation of righteousness,
O mountain of holiness.'
[24]And Judah and all the
cities thereof
Shall dwell therein together:
The husbandmen, and
they that go forth
with flocks.
[25]For I have satiated the
weary soul,
And every pining soul
have I replenished.

[26]Upon this I awaked,
and beheld;
And my sleep was sweet
unto me.

[27]Behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that I will
sow the house of Israel
and the house of Judah
with the seed of man, and
with the seed of beast.
[28]And it shall come to
pass, that like as I have
watched over them to
pluck up and to break
down, and to overthrow

and to destroy, and to
afflict; so will I watch
over them to build and
to plant, saith the LORD.
[29]In those days they
shall say no more:
'The fathers have eaten
sour grapes,
And the children's teeth
are set on edge.'
[30]But every one shall die
for his own iniquity;
every man that eateth the
sour grapes, his teeth
shall be set on edge.
[31]Behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that I will
make a new covenant
with the house of Israel,
and with the house of
Judah; [32]not according to
the covenant that I made
with their fathers in the
day that I took them by
the hand to bring them
out of the land of Egypt;
forasmuch as they broke
My covenant, although I
was a lord over them,
saith the LORD. [33]But
this is the covenant that
I will make with the
house of Israel after those
days, saith the LORD, I
will put My law in their
inward parts, and in their
heart will I write it; and
I will be their God, and
they shall be My people;
[34]and they shall teach no
more every man his
neighbour, and every man
his brother, saying:
'Know the LORD'; for they
shall all know Me, from
the least of them unto the
greatest of them, saith the
LORD; for I will forgive
their iniquity, and their
sin will I remember no
more.

[35]Thus saith the LORD,
Who giveth the sun for
a light by day,
And the ordinances of
the moon and of the
stars for a light by
night,
Who stirreth up the
sea, that the waves
thereof roar,
The LORD of hosts is
His name:
[36]If these ordinances de-
part from before Me,
Saith the LORD,
Then the seed of Israel
also shall cease
From being a nation
before Me for ever.

[37]Thus saith the LORD:
If heaven above can be
measured,
And the foundations of
the earth searched
out beneath,
Then will I also cast
off all the seed of
Israel
For all that they have
done, saith the LORD.

[38]Behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that the
city shall be built to the
LORD from the tower of
Hananel unto the gate of
the corner. [39]And the
measuring line shall yet
go out straight forward
unto the hill Gareb, and
shall turn about unto
Goah. [40]And the whole
valley of the dead bodies,
and of the ashes, and all
the fields unto the brook
Kidron, unto the corner
of the horse gate toward
the east, shall be holy
unto the LORD; it shall
not be plucked up, nor
thrown down any more
for ever.

46 The word of the LORD
which came to Jere-
miah the prophet con-
cerning the nations.
[2]Of Egypt: concerning
the army of Pharaoh-neco
king of Egypt, which was
by the river Euphrates in
Carchemish, which Nebu-
chadrezzar king of Baby-
lon smote in the fourth
year of Jehoiakim the son
of Josiah, king of Judah.
[3]Make ready buckler and
shield,
And draw near to
battle.
[4]Harness the horses, and
mount, ye horsemen,
And stand forth with
your helmets;
Furbish the spears, put
on the coats of mail.
[5]Wherefore do I see
them dismayed and
turned backward?
And their mighty ones
are beaten down,
And they are fled apace,
and look not back;
Terror is on every side,
saith the LORD.
[6]The swift cannot flee
away,
Nor the mighty man
escape;
In the north by the
river Euphrates
Have they stumbled
and fallen.

[7]Who is this like the Nile
that riseth up,
Like the rivers whose
waters toss them-
selves?
[8]Egypt is like the Nile
that riseth up,
And like the rivers
whose waters toss
themselves;
And he saith: 'I will
rise up, I will cover
the earth,
I will destroy the city
and the inhabitants
thereof.'
[9]Prance, ye horses, and
rush madly, ye chari-
ots;

And let the mighty men
go forth:
Cush and Put, that
handle the shield,
And the Ludim, that
handle and bend the
bow.

10 For the Lord GOD of
hosts shall have on
that day
A day of vengeance,
that He may avenge
Him of His adver-
saries;
And the sword shall
devour and be satiate,
And shall be made
drunk with their
blood;
For the Lord GOD of
hosts hath a sacrifice
In the north country by
the river Euphrates.
11 Go up into Gilead, and
take balm,
O virgin daughter of
Egypt;
In vain dost thou use
many medicines;
There is no cure for
thee.
12 The nations have heard
of thy shame,
And the earth is full of
thy cry;
For the mighty man
hath stumbled against
the mighty,
They are fallen both of
them together.

13 The word that the LORD
spoke to Jeremiah the
prophet, how that Nebu-
chadrezzar king of Baby-
lon should come and smite
the land of Egypt.
14 Declare ye in Egypt,
and announce in Mig-
dol,
And announce in Noph
and in Tahpanhes;
Say ye: 'Stand forth,
and prepare thee,
For the sword hath de-
voured round about
thee.'
15 Why is thy strong one
overthrown?
He stood not, because
the LORD did thrust
him down.
16 He made many to
stumble;
Yea, they fell one upon
another,
And said: 'Arise, and
let us return to our
own people,
And to the land of our
birth,
From the oppressing
sword.'
17 They cried there: 'Pha-
raoh king of Egypt is
but a noise;
He hath let the ap-
pointed time pass by.'
18 As I live, saith the
King,
Whose name is the LORD
of hosts,

Surely like Tabor among the mountains,
And like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.
[19]O thou daughter that dwellest in Egypt,
Furnish thyself to go into captivity;
For Noph shall become a desolation,
And shall be laid waste, without inhabitant.

[20]Egypt is a very fair heifer;
But the gadfly out of the north is come, it is come.
[21]Also her mercenaries in the midst of her
Are like calves of the stall,
For they also are turned back, they are fled away together,
They did not stand;
For the day of their calamity is come upon them,
The time of their visitation.
[22]The sound thereof shall go like the serpent's;
For they march with an army,
And come against her with axes,
As hewers of wood.
[23]They cut down her forest, saith the LORD,
Though it cannot be searched;
Because they are more than the locusts,
And are innumerable.
[24]The daughter of Egypt is put to shame;
She is delivered into the hand of the people of the north.
[25]The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith: Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and them that trust in him; [26]and I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.

[27]But fear not thou, O Jacob My servant,
Neither be dismayed, O Israel;
For, lo, I will save thee from afar,
And thy seed from the land of their captivity;
And Jacob shall again be quiet and at ease,
And none shall make him afraid.

28 Fear not thou, O Jacob
My servant, saith the LORD,
For I am with thee;
For I will make a full
end of all the nations
whither I have driven
thee,
But I will not make a
full end of thee;
And I will correct thee
in measure,
But will not utterly de-
stroy thee.

51 Thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I will raise up
against Babylon,
And against them that
dwell in Leb-kamai,
a destroying wind.
2 And I will send unto
Babylon strangers,
that shall fan her,
And they shall empty
her land;
For in the day of
trouble they shall be
against her round
about.
3 Let the archer bend his
bow against her,
And let him lift himself
up against her in his
coat of mail;
And spare ye not her
young men,
Destroy ye utterly all
her host.
4 And they shall fall
down slain in the
land of the Chal-
deans,
And thrust through in
her streets.
5 For Israel is not
widowed, nor Judah,
Of his God, of the LORD
of hosts;
For their land is full of
guilt
Against the Holy One
of Israel.
6 Flee out of the midst
of Babylon,
And save every man his
life,
Be not cut off in her
iniquity;
For it is the time of the
LORD'S vengeance;
He will render unto her
a recompense.
7 Babylon hath been a
golden cup in the
LORD'S hand,
That made all the earth
drunken;
The nations have drunk
of her wine,
Therefore the nations
are mad.
8 Babylon is suddenly
fallen and destroyed,
Wail for her;
Take balm for her pain,
If so be she may be
healed.
9 We would have healed
Babylon, but she is
not healed;

Forsake her, and let us
go every one into his
own country;
For her judgment
reacheth unto heaven,
And is lifted up even to
the skies.
[10]The LORD hath brought
forth our victory;
Come, and let us declare
in Zion
The work of the LORD
our God.

[11]Make bright the arrows,
Fill the quivers,
The LORD hath roused
the spirit of the kings
of the Medes;
Because His device is
against Babylon, to
destroy it;
For it is the vengeance
of the LORD,
The vengeance of His
temple.
[12]Set up a standard
against the walls of
Babylon,
Make the watch strong,
Set the watchmen, pre-
pare the ambushes;
For the LORD hath both
devised and done
That which He spoke
concerning the inhab-
itants of Babylon.
[13]O thou that dwellest
upon many waters,
Abundant in treasures,
Thine end is come,
The measure of thy
covetousness.
[14]The LORD of hosts hath
sworn by Himself:
Surely I will fill thee
with men, as with the
canker-worm,
And they shall lift up a
shout against thee.

[15]He that hath made the
earth by His power,
That hath established
the world by His wis-
dom,
And hath stretched out
the heavens by His
discernment;
[16]At the sound of His
giving a multitude of
waters in the heavens,
He causeth the vapours
to ascend from the
ends of the earth;
He maketh lightnings
at the time of the
rain,
And bringeth forth the
wind out of His
treasuries;
[17]Every man is proved to
be brutish, for the
knowledge—
Every goldsmith is put
to shame by the
graven image—
That his molten image
is falsehood, and
there is no breath in
them.
[18]They are vanity, a work
of delusion;

In the time of their visitation they shall perish.
[19]The portion of Jacob is not like these;
For He is the former of all things,
And [Israel] is the tribe of His inheritance;
The LORD of hosts is His name.

[20]Thou art My maul and weapons of war,
And with thee will I shatter the nations,
And with thee will I destroy kingdoms;
[21]And with thee will I shatter the horse and his rider,
And with thee will I shatter the chariot and him that rideth therein;
[22]And with thee will I shatter man and woman,
And with thee will I shatter the old man and the youth,
And with thee will I shatter the young man and the maid;
[23]And with thee will I shatter the shepherd and his flock,
And with thee will I shatter the husbandman and his yoke of oxen,
And with thee will I shatter governors and deputies.
[24]And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea
All their evil that they have done in Zion, in your sight,
Saith the LORD.

[25]Behold, I am against thee,
O destroying mountain, saith the LORD,
Which destroyest all the earth;
And I will stretch out My hand upon thee,
And roll thee down from the rocks,
And will make thee a burnt mountain.
[26]And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner,
Nor a stone for foundations;
But thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.

[27]Set ye up a standard in the land,
Blow the horn among the nations,
Prepare the nations against her,
Call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz;

Appoint a marshal against her;
Cause the horses to come up as the rough canker-worm.
[26]Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Medes,
The governors thereof, and all the deputies thereof,
And all the land of his dominion.
[29]And the land quaketh and is in pain;
For the purposes of the LORD are performed against Babylon,
To make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant.
[30]The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight,
They remain in their strongholds;
Their might hath failed, they are become as women;
Her dwelling-places are set on fire;
Her bars are broken.
[31]One post runneth to meet another,
And one messenger to meet another,
To tell the king of Babylon
That his city is taken on every quarter;
[32]And the fords are seized,
And the castles they have burned with fire,
And the men of war are affrighted.

[33]For thus saith the LORD of hosts,
The God of Israel:
The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor
At the time when it is trodden;
Yet a little while, and the time of harvest
Shall come for her.
[34]Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me,
He hath crushed me,
He hath set me down as an empty vessel,
He hath swallowed me up like a dragon,
He hath filled his maw with my delicacies;
He hath washed me clean.
[35]'The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon',
Shall the inhabitant of Zion say;
And: 'My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea',
Shall Jerusalem say.

[36]Therefore thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I will plead thy cause,

And take vengeance for thee;
And I will dry up her sea,
And make her fountain dry.
[37]And Babylon shall become heaps,
A dwelling-place for jackals,
An astonishment, and a hissing,
Without inhabitant.
[38]They shall roar together like young lions;
They shall growl as lions' whelps.
[39]With their poison I will prepare their feast,
And I will make them drunken, that they may be convulsed,
And sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake,
Saith the LORD.
[40]I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter,
Like rams with he-goats.
[41]How is Sheshach taken!
And the praise of the whole earth seized!
How is Babylon become an astonishment
Among the nations!
[42]The sea is come up upon Babylon;
She is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.
[43]Her cities are become a desolation,
A dry land, and a desert,
A land wherein no man dwelleth,
Neither doth any son of man pass thereby.
[44]And I will punish Bel in Babylon,
And I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up,
And the nations shall not flow any more unto him;
Yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.
[45]My people, go ye out of the midst of her,
And save yourselves every man
From the fierce anger of the LORD.
[46]And let not your heart faint, neither fear ye,
For the rumour that shall be heard in the land;
For a rumour shall come one year,
And after that in another year a rumour,
And violence in the land, ruler against ruler.

47 Therefore, behold, the days come,
That I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon,
And her whole land shall be ashamed;
And all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.
48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein,
Shall sing for joy over Babylon;
For the spoilers shall come unto her
From the north, saith the LORD.
49 As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall,
So at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the land.
50 Ye that have escaped the sword,
Go ye, stand not still;
Remember the LORD from afar,
And let Jerusalem come into your mind.
51 'We are ashamed, because we have heard reproach,
Confusion hath covered our faces;
For strangers are come
Into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house.'
52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will do judgment upon her graven images;
And through all her land the wounded shall groan.
53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven,
And though she should fortify the height of her strength,
Yet from Me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.
54 Hark! a cry from Babylon,
And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans!
55 For the LORD spoileth Babylon,
And destroyeth out of her the great voice;
And their waves roar like many waters,
The noise of their voice is uttered;
56 For the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon,
And her mighty men are taken,
Their bows are shattered;
For the LORD is a God of recompenses,
He will surely requite.

[57]And I will make drunk
her princes and her
wise men,
Her governors and her
deputies, and her
mighty men;
And they shall sleep a
perpetual sleep, and
not wake,
Saith the King, whose
name is the LORD of
hosts.

[58]Thus saith the Lord of
hosts:
The broad walls of
Babylon shall be ut-
terly overthrown,
And her high gates shall
be burned with fire;
And the peoples shall
labour for vanity,
And the nations for the
fire;
And they shall be
weary.

[59]The word which Jere-
miah the prophet com-
manded Seraiah the son
of Neriah, the son of
Mahseiah, when he went
with Zedekiah the king of
Judah to Babylon in the
fourth year of his reign.
Now Seraiah was quar-
termaster. [60]And Jeremiah
wrote in one book all the
evil that should come
upon Babylon, even all
these words that are
written concerning Baby-
lon. [61]And Jeremiah said
to Seraiah: 'When thou
comest to Babylon, then
see that thou read all
these words, [62]and say: O
LORD, Thou hast spoken
concerning this place, to
cut it off, that none shall
dwell therein, neither man
nor beast, but that it shall
be desolate for ever. [63]And
it shall be, when thou hast
made an end of reading
this book, that thou shalt
bind a stone to it, and cast
it into the midst of the
Euphrates; [64]and thou
shalt say: Thus shall
Babylon sink, and shall
not rise again because of
the evil that I will bring
upon her; and they shall
be weary.'

EZEKIEL

18 And the word of the Lord came unto me,
saying: [2]"What mean ye,
that ye use this proverb
in the land of Israel, saying:
The fathers have eaten
sour grapes,
And the children's teeth
are set on edge?
[3]As I live, saith the Lord
God, ye shall not have
occasion any more to use
this proverb in Israel.
[4]Behold, all souls are
Mine; as the soul of the
father, so also the soul
of the son is Mine; the
soul that sinneth, it shall
die.
[5]But if a man be just,
and do that which is law-
ful and right, [6]and hath
not eaten upon the moun-
tains, neither hath lifted
up his eyes to the idols of
the house of Israel,
neither hath defiled his
neighbour's wife, neither
hath come near to a
woman in her impurity;
[7]and hath not wronged
any, but hath restored
his pledge for a debt,
hath taken nought by
robbery, hath given his
bread to the hungry, and
hath covered the naked
with a garment; [8]he that
hath not given forth upon
interest, neither hath
taken any increase, that
hath withdrawn his hand
from iniquity, hath ex-
ecuted true justice be-
tween man and man, [9]hath
walked in My statutes,
and hath kept Mine or-
dinances, to deal truly;
he is just, he shall surely
live, saith the Lord God.
[10]If he beget a son that
is a robber, a shedder of
blood, and that doeth to
a brother any of these
things, [11]whereas he him-
self had not done any of
these things, for he hath
even eaten upon the
mountains, and defiled
his neighbour's wife,
[12]hath wronged the poor
and needy, hath taken by
robbery, hath not restored
the pledge, and hath lifted
up his eyes to the idols,
hath committed abomina-
tion, [13]hath given forth
upon interest, and hath
taken increase; shall he
then live? he shall not
live—he hath done all
these abominations; he
shall surely be put to
death, his blood shall be
upon him.

[14]Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like, [15]that hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's wife, [16]neither hath wronged any, hath not taken aught to pledge, neither hath taken by robbery, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, [17]that hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, that hath not received interest nor increase, hath executed Mine ordinances, hath walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. [18]As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, committed robbery on his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he dieth for his iniquity. [19]Yet say ye: Why doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father with him? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all My statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. [20]The soul that sinneth, it shall die; the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father with him, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son with him; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

[21]But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. [22]None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him; for his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. [23]Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD; and not rather that he should return from his ways, and live?

[24]But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be re-

membered; for his trespass that he trespassed, and for his sin that he hath sinned, for them shall he die. [25]Yet ye say: The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is it My way that is not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? [26]When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall die therefor; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. [27]Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. [28]Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. [29]Yet saith the house of Israel: The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, is it My ways that are not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? [30]Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so shall they not be a stumblingblock of iniquity unto you. [31]Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? [32]For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD; wherefore turn yourselves, and live.

21 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [2]'Son of man, set thy face toward the South, and preach toward the South, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South; [3]and say to the forest of the South: Hear the word of the LORD: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree, it shall not be quenched, even a flaming flame; and all faces from the south to the north shall be seared thereby. [4]And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.' [5]Then said I: 'Ah Lord GOD! they say of me: Is he not a maker of parables?'

[6]Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [7]'Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and preach toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel; [8]and say to the land of Israel: Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth My sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. [9]Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall My sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north; [10]and all flesh shall know that I the LORD have drawn forth My sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. [11]Sigh therefore, thou son of man; with the breaking of thy loins and with bitterness shalt thou sigh before their eyes. [12]And it shall be, when they say unto thee: Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say: Because of the tidings, for it cometh; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be slack, and every spirit shall be faint, and all knees shall drip with water; behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.'

[13]And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [14]'Son of man, prophesy, and say: Thus saith the LORD: Say:

A sword, a sword, it is sharpened,
And also furbished:
[15]It is sharpened that it may make a sore slaughter,
It is furbished that it may glitter—
Or shall we make mirth?—
Against the rod of My son, contemning every tree.
[16]And it is given to be furbished,
That it may be handled;
The sword, it is sharpened,
Yea, it is furbished,
To give it into the hand of the slayer.

[17]Cry and wail, son of man; for it is upon My people, it is upon all the princes of Israel; they are thrust down to the sword with My people; smite therefore upon thy thigh. [18]For there is a trial; and what if it contemn even the rod? It shall be no more, saith the Lord GOD. [19]Thou therefore, son of

man, prophesy, and smite
thy hands together; and
let the sword be doubled
the third time, the sword
of those to be slain; it is
the sword of the great
one that is to be slain,
which compasseth them
about. [20]I have set the
point of the sword against
all their gates, that their
heart may melt, and their
stumblings be multiplied;
ah! it is made glittering,
it is sharpened for
slaughter. [21]Go thee one
way to the right, or direct
thyself to the left;
whither is thy face set?
[22]I will also smite My
hands together, and I will
satisfy My fury; I the
LORD have spoken it.'
[23]And the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying:
[24]'Now, thou son of
man, make thee two ways,
that the sword of the
king of Babylon may
come; they twain shall
come forth out of one
land; and mark a sign-
post, mark it clear at the
head of the way to the
city. [25]Thou shalt make
a way, that the sword
may come to Rabbah of
the children of Ammon,
and to Judah in Jerusa-
lem the fortified. [26]For
the king of Babylon
standeth at the parting
of the way, at the head
of the two ways, to use
divination; he shaketh
the arrows to and fro, he
inquireth of the teraphim,
he looketh in the liver.
[27]In his right hand is the
lot Jerusalem, to set bat-
tering rams, to open the
mouth for the slaughter,
to lift up the voice with
shouting, to set battering
rams against the gates,
to cast up mounds, to
build forts. [28]And it shall
be unto them as a false
divination in their sight,
who have weeks upon
weeks! but it bringeth
iniquity to remembrance,
that they may be taken.
[29]Therefore thus saith
the Lord GOD: Because ye
have made your iniquity
to be remembered, in that
your transgressions are
uncovered, so that your
sins do appear in all your
doings; because that ye
are come to remembrance,
ye shall be taken with
the hand. [30]And thou, O
wicked one, that art to
be slain, the prince of
Israel, whose day is come,
in the time of the iniquity
of the end; [31]thus saith
the Lord GOD: The mitre
shall be removed, and the
crown taken off; this

shall be no more the
same: that which is low
shall be exalted, and that
which is high abased. [32]A
ruin, a ruin, a ruin, will
I make it; this also shall
be no more, until he come
whose right it is, and I
will give it him.
[33]And thou, son of man,
prophesy, and say: Thus
saith the Lord GOD con-
cerning the children of
Ammon, and concerning
their taunt; and say
thou:
O sword, O sword keen-
edged,
Furbished for the
slaughter,
To the uttermost, be-
cause of the glitter-
ings;
[34]While they see false-
hood unto thee,
While they divine lies
unto thee,
To lay thee upon the
necks of the wicked
that are to be slain,
Whose day is come, in
the time of the in-
iquity of the end!—
[35]Cause it to return into
its sheath!—
In the place where thou
wast created, in the
land of thine origin,
Will I judge thee.
[36]And I will pour out
Mine indignation upon
thee,
I will blow upon thee
with the fire of My
wrath;
And I will deliver thee
into the hand of
brutish men,
Skilful to destroy.
[37]Thou shalt be for fuel
to the fire;
Thy blood shall be in
the midst of the land,
Thou shalt be no more
remembered;
For I the LORD have
spoken it.'

37 The hand of the LORD
was upon me, and the
LORD carried me out in a
spirit, and set me down
in the midst of the valley,
and it was full of bones;
[2]and He caused me to
pass by them round
about, and, behold, there
were very many in the
open valley; and, lo, they
were very dry. [3]And He
said unto me: 'Son of
man, can these bones
live?' And I answered:
'O Lord GOD, Thou know-
est.' [4]Then He said unto
me: 'Prophesy over these
bones, and say unto them:
O ye dry bones, hear the
word of the LORD: [5]Thus
saith the Lord GOD unto
these bones: Behold, I
will cause breath to enter
into you, and ye shall

live. [6]And I will lay
sinews upon you, and will
bring up flesh upon you,
and cover you with skin,
and put breath in you,
and ye shall live; and ye
shall know that I am the
LORD.' [7]So I prophesied as
I was commanded; and
as I prophesied, there
was a noise, and behold
a commotion, and the
bones came together,
bone to its bone. [8]And I
beheld, and, lo, there were
sinews upon them, and
flesh came up, and skin
covered them above; but
there was no breath in
them. [9]Then said He
unto me: 'Prophesy unto
the breath, prophesy, son
of man, and say to the
breath: Thus saith the
Lord GOD: Come from
the four winds, O breath,
and breathe upon these
slain, that they may live.'
[10]So I prophesied as He
commanded me, and the
breath came into them,
and they lived, and stood
up upon their feet, an
exceeding great host.
[11]Then He said unto me:
'Son of man, these bones
are the whole house of
Israel; behold, they say:
Our bones are dried up,
and our hope is lost; we
are clean cut off. [12]There-
fore prophesy, and say
unto them: Thus saith the
Lord GOD: Behold, I will
open your graves, and
cause you to come up out
of your graves, O My
people; and I will bring
you into the land of Is-
rael. [13]And ye shall know
that I am the LORD, when
I have opened your graves,
and caused you to come
up out of your graves, O
My people. [14]And I will
put My spirit in you, and
ye shall live, and I will
place you in your own
land; and ye shall know
that I the LORD have
spoken, and performed it,
saith the LORD.'

[15]And the word of the
LORD came unto me, say-
ing: [16]'And thou, son of
man, take thee one stick,
and write upon it: For
Judah, and for the
children of Israel his
companions; then take
another stick, and write
upon it: For Joseph, the
stick of Ephraim, and of
all the house of Israel his
companions; [17]and join
them for thee one to an-
other into one stick, that
they may become one in
thy hand. [18]And when the
children of thy people
shall speak unto thee,
saying: Wilt thou not
tell us what thou meanest
by these? [19]say unto

them: Thus saith the
Lord GOD: Behold, I will
take the stick of Joseph,
which is in the hand of
Ephraim, and the tribes
of Israel his companions;
and I will put them unto
him together with the
stick of Judah, and make
them one stick, and they
shall be one in My hand.
[20]And the sticks whereon
thou writest shall be in
thy hand before their
eyes. [21]And say unto
them: Thus saith the
Lord GOD: Behold, I will
take the children of Israel
from among the nations,
whither they are gone,
and will gather them on
every side, and bring
them into their own land;
[22]and I will make them
one nation in the land,
upon the mountains of
Israel, and one king shall
be king to them all; and
they shall be no more
two nations, neither shall
they be divided into two
kingdoms any more at
all; [23]neither shall they
defile themselves any
more with their idols, nor
with their detestable
things, nor with any of
their transgressions; but
I will save them out of
all their dwelling-places,
wherein they have sinned,
and will cleanse them; so
shall they be My people,
and I will be their God.
[24]And My servant David
shall be king over them,
and they all shall have
one shepherd; they shall
also walk in Mine ordi-
nances, and observe My
statutes, and do them.
[25]And they shall dwell in
the land that I have given
unto Jacob My servant,
wherein your fathers
dwelt; and they shall
dwell therein, they, and
their children, and their
children's children, for
ever; and David My serv-
ant shall be their prince
for ever. [26]Moreover I
will make a covenant of
peace with them—it shall
be an everlasting cove-
nant with them; and I
will establish them, and
multiply them, and will
set My sanctuary in the
midst of them for ever.
[27]My dwelling-place also
shall be over them; and
I will be their God, and
they shall be My people.
[28]And the nations shall
know that I am the LORD
that sanctify Israel, when
My sanctuary shall be in
the midst of them for
ever.'

HOSEA

14 [2]RETURN, O Israel,
unto the LORD thy
God;
For thou hast stumbled
in thine iniquity.
[3]Take with you words,
And return unto the
LORD;
Say unto Him: 'For-
give all iniquity,
And accept that which
is good;
So will we render for
bullocks the offering
of our lips.
[4]Asshur shall not save
us;
We will not ride upon
horses;
Neither will we call
any more the work of
our hands our gods;
For in Thee the father-
less findeth mercy.'
[5]I will heal their back-
sliding,
I will love them freely;
For Mine anger is
turned away from
him.
[6]I will be as the dew
unto Israel;
He shall blossom as the
lily,
And cast forth his roots
as Lebanon.
[7]His branches shall
spread,
And his beauty shall be
as the olive-tree,
And his fragrance as
Lebanon.
[8]They that dwell under
his shadow shall
again
Make corn to grow,
And shall blossom as
the vine;
The scent thereof shall
be as the wine of
Lebanon.
[9]Ephraim [shall say]:
'What have I to do any
more with idols?'
As for Me, I respond
and look on him;
I am like a leafy
cypress-tree;
From Me is thy fruit
found.

[10]Whoso is wise, let him
understand these
things,
Whoso is prudent, let
him know them.
For the ways of the
LORD are right,
And the just do walk
in them;
But transgressors do
stumble therein.

JOEL

4 [9]PROCLAIM ye this
among the nations,
Prepare war;
Stir up the mighty
men;
Let all the men of war
draw near,
Let them come up.
[10]Beat your plowshares
into swords,
And your pruning-
hooks into spears;
Let the weak say: 'I
am strong.'
[11]Haste ye, and come,
all ye nations round
about,
And gather yourselves
together;
Thither cause Thy
mighty ones to come
down, O LORD!
[12]Let the nations be
stirred up, and come
up
To the valley of
Jehoshaphat;
For there will I sit to
judge
All the nations round
about.
[13]Put ye in the sickle,
For the harvest is ripe;
Come, tread ye,
For the winepress is
full, the vats over-
flow;
For their wickedness is
great.

[14]Multitudes, multitudes
in the valley of de-
cision!
For the day of the LORD
is near in the valley
of decision.
[15]The sun and the moon
are become black,
And the stars withdraw
their shining.
[16]And the LORD shall roar
from Zion,
And utter His voice
from Jerusalem,
And the heavens and
the earth shall shake;
But the LORD will be a
refuge unto His
people,
And a stronghold to the
children of Israel.
[17]So shall ye know that
I am the LORD your
God,
Dwelling in Zion My
holy mountain;
Then shall Jerusalem
be holy,
And there shall no
strangers pass
through her any
more.

[18]And it shall come to
pass in that day,

That the mountains shall
drop down sweet wine,
And the hills shall flow
with milk,
And all the brooks of
Judah shall flow with
waters;
And a fountain shall
come forth of the
house of the LORD,
And shall water the
valley of Shittim.
[19]Egypt shall be a des-
olation,
And Edom shall be a
desolate wilderness,
For the violence against
the children of Judah,
Because they have shed
innocent blood in
their land.
[20]But Judah shall be in-
habited for ever,
And Jerusalem from
generation to genera-
tion.
[21]And I will hold as in-
nocent their blood
that I have not held
as innocent;
And the LORD dwelleth
in Zion.

AMOS

5 [4]FOR thus saith the
LORD unto the house of
Israel:
Seek ye Me, and live;
[5]But seek not Beth-el,
Nor enter into Gilgal,
And pass not to Beer-
sheba;
For Gilgal shall surely
go into captivity,
And Beth-el shall come
to nought.
[6]Seek the LORD, and
live—
Lest He break out like
fire in the house of
Joseph,
And it devour, and there
be none to quench it
in Beth-el—
[7]Ye who turn justice to
wormwood,
And cast righteousness
to the ground;
[8]Him that maketh the
Pleiades and Orion,
And bringeth on the
shadow of death in
the morning,
And darkeneth the day
into night;
That calleth for the
waters of the sea,
And poureth them out
upon the face of the
earth;
The LORD is His name;
[9]That causeth destruc-
tion to flash upon the
strong,

So that destruction
cometh upon the fortress.

[10]They hate him that reproveth in the gate,
And they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.
[11]Therefore, because ye trample upon the poor,
And take from him exactions of wheat;
Ye have built houses of hewn stone,
But ye shall not dwell in them,
Ye have planted pleasant vineyards,
But ye shall not drink the wine thereof.
[12]For I know how manifold are your transgressions,
And how mighty are your sins;
Ye that afflict the just, that take a ransom,
And that turn aside the needy in the gate.
[13]Therefore the prudent doth keep silence in such a time;
For it is an evil time.

[14]Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live;
And so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye say.
[15]Hate the evil, and love the good,
And establish justice in the gate;
It may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
Will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

MICAH

3 [5]THUS saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people to err;
That cry: 'Peace', when their teeth have any thing to bite;
And whoso putteth not into their mouths,
They even prepare war against him;
[6]Therefore it shall be night unto you, that ye shall have no vision;
And it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine;
And the sun shall go down upon the prophets,
And the day shall be black over them.

[7]And the seers shall be
put to shame, and the
diviners confounded;
Yea, they shall all cover
their upper lips;
For there shall be no
answer of God.
[8]But I truly am full of
power by the spirit of
the LORD,
And of justice, and of
might,
To declare unto Jacob
his transgression,
And to Israel his sin.

[9]Hear this, I pray you,
ye heads of the house
of Jacob,
And rulers of the house
of Israel,
That abhor justice, and
pervert all equity;
[10]That build up Zion with
blood,
And Jerusalem with
iniquity.
[11]The heads thereof
judge for reward,
And the priests thereof
teach for hire,
And the prophets there-
of divine for money;
Yet will they lean upon
the LORD, and say:
'Is not the LORD in the
midst of us?
No evil shall come upon
us'?
[12]Therefore shall Zion for
your sake be plowed
as a field,
And Jerusalem shall
become heaps,
And the mountain of
the house as the high
places of a forest.

7 [7]But as for me, I will
look unto the LORD;
I will wait for the God
of my salvation;
My God will hear me.
[8]Rejoice not against me,
O mine enemy;
Though I am fallen, I
shall arise;
Though I sit in dark-
ness, the LORD is a
light unto me.
[9]I will bear the indigna-
tion of the LORD,
Because I have sinned
against Him;
Until He plead my
cause, and execute
judgment for me;
He will bring me forth
to the light,
And I shall behold His
righteousness.
[10]Then mine enemy shall
see it, and shame
shall cover her;
Who said unto me:
Where is the LORD thy
God?
Mine eyes shall gaze
upon her;
Now shall she be trod-
den down as the mire
of the streets.'

[11]'The day for building thy walls, even that day, shall be far removed.'
[12]There shall be a day when they shall come unto thee,
From Assyria even to the cities of Egypt,
And from Egypt even to the River,
And from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.
[13]And the land shall be desolate for them that dwell therein,
Because of the fruit of their doings.

[14]Tend Thy people with Thy staff, the flock of Thy heritage,
That dwell solitarily, as a forest in the midst of the fruitful field;
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
[15]'As in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt
Will I show unto him marvellous things.'
[16]The nations shall see and be put to shame for all their might;
They shall lay their hand upon their mouth,
Their ears shall be deaf.
[17]They shall lick the dust like a serpent;
Like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places;
They shall come with fear unto the LORD our God,
And shall be afraid because of Thee.
[18]Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth the iniquity,
And passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?
He retaineth not His anger for ever,
Because He delighteth in mercy.
[19]He will again have compassion upon us;
He will subdue our iniquities;
And Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
[20]Thou wilt show faithfulness to Jacob, mercy to Abraham,
As Thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

NAHUM

1 [2]THE LORD is a jealous
and avenging God,
The LORD avengeth and
is full of wrath;
The LORD taketh vengeance on His adversaries,
And He reserveth wrath
for His enemies.
[3]The LORD is long-suffering, and great in
power,
And will by no means
clear the guilty;
The LORD, in the whirlwind and in the storm
is His way,
And the clouds are the
dust of His feet.
[4]He rebuketh the sea,
and maketh it dry,
And drieth up all the
rivers;
Bashan languisheth,
and Carmel,
And the flower of
Lebanon languisheth.
[5]The mountains quake
at Him,
And the hills melt;
And the earth is upheaved at His presence,
Yea, the world, and all
that dwell therein.
[6]Who can stand before
His indignation?
And who can abide in
the fierceness of His
anger?
His fury is poured out
like fire,
And the rocks are
broken asunder before Him.
[7]The LORD is good,
A stronghold in the day
of trouble;
And He knoweth them
that take refuge in
Him.
[8]But with an overrunning flood
He will make a full end
of the place thereof,
And darkness shall
pursue His enemies.
[9]What do ye devise
against the LORD?
He will make a full end;
Trouble shall not rise
up the second time.
[10]For though they be like
tangled thorns,
And be drunken according to their drink,
They shall be devoured
as stubble fully dry.
[11]Out of thee came he
forth,
That deviseth evil
against the LORD,
That counselleth wickedness.

[12]Thus saith the LORD:
Though they be in full strength, and likewise many,
Even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away;
And though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.
[13]And now will I break his yoke from off thee,
And will burst thy bonds in sunder.

HABAKKUK

1 [2]How long, O LORD, shall I cry,
And Thou wilt not hear?
I cry out unto Thee of violence,
And Thou wilt not save.
[3]Why dost Thou show me iniquity,
And beholdest mischief?
And why are spoiling and violence before me?
So that there is strife, and contention ariseth.
[4]Therefore the law is slacked,
And right doth never go forth;
For the wicked doth beset the righteous;
Therefore right goeth forth perverted.

[5]Look ye among the nations, and behold,
And wonder marvellously;
For, behold, a work shall be wrought in your days,
Which ye will not believe though it be told you.
[6]For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans,
That bitter and impetuous nation,
That march through the breadth of the earth,
To possess dwelling-places that are not theirs.
[7]They are terrible and dreadful;
Their law and their majesty proceed from themselves.
[8]Their horses also are swifter than leopards,
And are more fierce than the wolves of the desert;
And their horsemen spread themselves;

Yea, their horsemen
come from far,
They fly as a vulture
that hasteth to devour.
[9]They come all of them
for violence;
Their faces are set
eagerly as the east
wind;
And they gather captives as the sand.
[10]And they scoff at kings,
And princes are a derision unto them;
They deride every
stronghold,
For they heap up earth,
and take it.
[11]Then their spirit doth
pass over and transgress,
And they become
guilty:
Even they who impute
their might unto their
god.

[12]Art not Thou from
everlasting,
O LORD my God, my
Holy One?
We shall not die.
O LORD, Thou hast ordained them for judgment,
And Thou, O Rock, hast
established them for
correction.

[13]Thou that art of eyes
too pure to behold
evil,
And that canst not look
on mischief,
Wherefore lookest
Thou, when they deal
treacherously,
And holdest Thy peace,
when the wicked
swalloweth up
The man that is more
righteous than he;
[14]And makest men as the
fishes of the sea,
As the creeping things,
that have no ruler
over them?
[15]They take up all of
them with the angle,
They catch them in
their net,
And gather them in
their drag;
Therefore they rejoice
and exult.
[16]Therefore they sacrifice
unto their net,
And offer unto their
drag;
Because by them their
portion is fat,
And their food plenteous.
[17]Shall they therefore
empty their net,
And not spare to slay
the nations continually?

ZEPHANIAH

3 WOE to her that is filthy and polluted,
To the oppressing city!
2 She hearkened not to the voice,
She received not correction;
She trusted not in the LORD,
She drew not near to her God.
3 Her princes in the midst of her are roaring lions;
Her judges are wolves of the desert,
They leave not a bone for the morrow.
4 Her prophets are wanton
And treacherous persons;
Her priests have profaned that which is holy,
They have done violence to the law.
5 The LORD who is righteous is in the midst of her,
He will not do unrighteousness;
Every morning doth He bring His right to light,
It faileth not;
But the unrighteous knoweth no shame.
6 I have cut off nations,
Their corners are desolate;
I have made their streets waste,
So that none passeth by;
Their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man,
So that there is no inhabitant.
7 I said: 'Surely thou wilt fear Me,
Thou wilt receive correction;
So her dwelling shall not be cut off,
Despite all that I have visited upon her';
But they betimes corrupted all their doings.

8 Therefore wait ye for Me, saith the LORD,
Until the day that I rise up to the prey;
For My determination is to gather the nations,
That I may assemble the kingdoms,
To pour upon them Mine indignation,
Even all My fierce anger;

For all the earth shall
be devoured
With the fire of My
jealousy.
[9]For then will I turn to
the peoples
A pure language,
That they may all call
upon the name of the
LORD,
To serve Him with one
consent.
[10]From beyond the rivers
of Ethiopia
Shall they bring My
suppliants,
Even the daughter of
My dispersed,
As Mine offering.
[11]In that day shalt thou
not be ashamed for all
thy doings,
Wherein thou hast
transgressed against
Me;
For then I will take
away out of the midst
of thee
Thy proudly exulting
ones,
And thou shalt no more
be haughty
In My holy mountain.
[12]And I will leave in the
midst of thee
An afflicted and poor
people,
And they shall take
refuge in the name
of the LORD.
[13]The remnant of Israel
shall not do iniquity,
Nor speak lies,
Neither shall a deceitful
tongue be found in
their mouth;
For they shall feed and
lie down,
And none shall make
them afraid.

[14]Sing, O daughter of
Zion,
Shout, O Israel;
Be glad and rejoice with
all thy heart,
O daughter of Jeru-
salem.
[15]The LORD hath taken
away thy judgments,
He hath cast out thine
enemy;
The King of Israel, even
the LORD, is in the
midst of thee;
Thou shalt not fear evil
any more.
[16]In that day it shall be
said to Jerusalem:
'Fear thou not;
O Zion, let not thy
hands be slack.
[17]The LORD thy God is in
the midst of thee,
A Mighty One who will
save;
He will rejoice over thee
with joy,
He will be silent in His
love,
He will joy over thee
with singing.'

[18]I will gather them that
are far from the appointed season, who
are of thee,
That hast borne the
burden of reproach.
[19]Behold, at that time
I will deal with all them
that afflict thee;
And I will save her that
is lame,
And gather her that
was driven away;
And I will make them
to be a praise and a
name,
Whose shame hath been
in all the earth.
[20]At that time will I
bring you in,
And at that time will I
gather you;
For I will make you to
be a name and a
praise
Among all the peoples
of the earth,
When I turn your captivity before your
eyes,
Saith the LORD.

PSALMS

1 HAPPY is the man that
hath not walked in
the counsel of the
wicked,
Nor stood in the way of
sinners,
Nor sat in the seat of
the scornful.
[2]But his delight is in the
law of the LORD;
And in His law doth he
meditate day and
night.
[3]And he shall be like
a tree planted by
streams of water,
That bringeth forth its
fruit in its season,
And whose leaf doth not
wither;
And in whatsoever he
doeth he shall prosper.

[4]Not so the wicked;
But they are like the
chaff which the wind
driveth away.
[5]Therefore the wicked
shall not stand in the
judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous.
[6]For the LORD regardeth
the way of the righteous;
But the way of the
wicked shall perish.

3 A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

2 LORD, how many are mine adversaries become!
Many are they that rise up against me.
3 Many there are that say of my soul:
'There is no salvation for him in God.'
Selah

4 But Thou, O LORD, art a shield about me;
My glory, and the lifter up of my head.
5 With my voice I call unto the LORD,
And He answereth me out of His holy mountain. Selah

6 I lay me down, and I sleep;
I awake, for the LORD sustaineth me.
7 I am not afraid of ten thousands of people,
That have set themselves against me round about.

8 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God;
For Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek,
Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
9 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD;
Thy blessing be upon Thy people. Selah

5 For the Leader; upon the Nehiloth. A Psalm of David.

2 Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my meditation.
3 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God;
For unto Thee do I pray.
4 O LORD, in the morning shalt Thou hear my voice;
In the morning will I order my prayer unto Thee, and will look forward.
5 For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness;
Evil shall not sojourn with Thee.
6 The boasters shall not stand in Thy sight;
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
7 Thou destroyest them that speak falsehood;
The LORD abhorreth the man of blood and of deceit.

[8]But as for me, in the abundance of Thy lovingkindness will I come into Thy house;
I will bow down toward Thy holy temple in the fear of Thee.

[9]O LORD, lead me in Thy righteousness because of them that lie in wait for me;
Make Thy way straight before my face.
[10]For there is no sincerity in their mouth;
Their inward part is a yawning gulf,
Their throat is an open sepulchre;
They make smooth their tongue.
[11]Hold them guilty. O God,
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them down in the multitude of their transgressions;
For they have rebelled against Thee.

[12]So shall all those that take refuge in Thee rejoice,
They shall ever shout for joy,
And Thou shalt shelter them;
Let them also that love Thy name exult in Thee.

[12]For Thou dost bless the righteous;
O LORD, Thou dost encompass him with favour as with a shield.

8 For the Leader; upon the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

[1]O LORD, our Lord,
How glorious is Thy name in all the earth!
Whose majesty is rehearsed above the heavens.
[2]Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou founded strength,
Because of Thine adversaries;
That Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

[3]When I behold Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which Thou hast established;
[4]What is man, that Thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that Thou thinkest of him?
[5]Yet Thou hast made him but little lower than the angels,

And hast crowned him
with glory and
honour.
[7]Thou hast made him to
have dominion over
the works of Thy
hands;
Thou hast put all things
under his feet:
[8]Sheep and oxen, all of
them,
Yea, and the beasts of
the field;
[9]The fowl of the air, and
the fish of the sea;
Whatsoever passeth
through the paths of
the seas.

[10]O LORD, our Lord,
How glorious is Thy
name in all the earth!

9 For the Leader; upon
Muth-labben. A
Psalm of David.

[1]I will give thanks unto
the LORD with my
whole heart;
I will tell of all Thy
marvellous works.
[2]I will be glad and exult
in Thee;
I will sing praise to Thy
name, O Most High:

[3]When mine enemies are
turned back,
They stumble and per-
ish at Thy presence;
[4]For Thou hast main-
tained my right and
my cause;
Thou sattest upon the
throne as the right-
eous Judge.

[5]Thou hast rebuked the
nations,
Thou hast destroyed the
wicked,
Thou hast blotted out
their name for ever
and ever.
[6]O thou enemy, the
waste places are come
to an end for ever;
And the cities which
thou didst uproot,
Their very memorial is
perished.

[7]But the LORD is en-
throned for ever;
He hath established His
throne for judgment.
[8]And He will judge the
world in righteous-
ness,
He will minister judg-
ment to the peoples
with equity.

[9]The LORD also will be a
high tower for the
oppressed,
A high tower in times
of trouble;
[10]And they that know
Thy name will put
their trust in Thee;

For Thou, LORD, hast
not forsaken them
that seek Thee.

[12]Sing praises to the
LORD, who dwelleth in
Zion;
Declare among the
peoples His doings.
[13]For He that avengeth
blood hath remem-
bered them;
He hath not forgotten
the cry of the humble.

[14]Be gracious unto me, O
LORD,
Behold mine affliction
at the hands of them
that hate me;
Thou that liftest me up
from the gates of
death;
[15]That I may tell of all
Thy praise in the
gates of the daughter
of Zion,
That I may rejoice in
Thy salvation.

[16]The nations are sunk
down in the pit that
they made;
In the net which they
hid is their own foot
taken.
[17]The LORD hath made
Himself known, He
hath executed judg-
ment,
The wicked is snared in
the work of his own
hands. Higgaion.
Selah

[18]The wicked shall return
to the nether-world,
Even all the nations
that forget God.
[19]For the needy shall not
always be forgotten,
Nor the expectation of
the poor perish for
ever.
[20]Arise, O LORD, let not
man prevail;
Let the nations be
judged in Thy sight.
[21]Set terror over them, O
LORD;
Let the nations know
they are but men.
Selah

11 For the Leader. [A
Psalm] of David.

In the LORD have I
taken refuge;
How say ye to my soul:
'Flee thou! to your
mountain, ye birds'?

[2]For, lo, the wicked
bend the bow,
They have made ready
their arrow upon the
string,
That they may shoot in
darkness at the up-
right in heart.

[5]When the foundations are destroyed,
What hath the righteous wrought?

[6]The LORD is in His holy temple,
The LORD, His throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.
[5]The LORD trieth the righteous;
But the wicked and him that loveth violence
His soul hateth.
[6]Upon the wicked He will cause to rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.

[7]For the LORD is righteous, He loveth righteousness;
The upright shall behold His face.

14 For the Leader. [A Psalm] of David.

The fool hath said in his heart: 'There is no God';
They have dealt corruptly, they have done abominably;
There is none that doeth good.
[2]The LORD looked forth from heaven upon the children of men.
To see if there were any man of understanding, that did seek after God.
[3]They are all corrupt, they are together become impure;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

[4]'Shall not all the workers of iniquity know it,
Who eat up My people as they eat bread,
And call not upon the LORD?'
[5]There are they in great fear;
For God is with the righteous generation.
[6]Ye would put to shame the counsel of the poor,
But the LORD is his refuge.

[7]Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When the LORD turneth the captivity of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

16 Michtam of David.

Keep me, O God; for I have taken refuge in Thee.
[2]I have said unto the LORD: 'Thou art my Lord;
I have no good but in Thee';
[3]As for the holy that are in the earth,
They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.
[4]Let the idols of them be multiplied that make suit unto another;
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take their names upon my lips.
[5]O LORD, the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup,
Thou maintainest my lot.

[6]The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
[7]I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel;
Yea, in the night seasons my reins instruct me.
[8]I have set the LORD always before me;
Surely He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

[9]Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth;
My flesh also dwelleth in safety;
[10]For Thou wilt not abandon my soul to the nether-world;
Neither wilt Thou suffer Thy godly one to see the pit.
[11]Thou makest me to know the path of life;
In Thy presence is fulness of joy,
In Thy right hand bliss for evermore.

17 A Prayer of David.

Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer from lips without deceit.
[2]Let my judgment come forth from Thy presence;
Let Thine eyes behold equity.
[3]Thou hast tried my heart, Thou hast visited it in the night;
Thou hast tested me, and Thou findest not
That I had a thought which should not pass my mouth.

[4]As for the doings of men, by the word of Thy lips
I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
[5]My steps have held fast to Thy paths,
My feet have not slipped.

[6]As for me, I call upon Thee, for Thou wilt answer me, O God;
Incline Thine ear unto me, hear my speech.
[7]Make passing great Thy mercies, O Thou that savest by Thy right hand
From assailants them that take refuge in Thee.
[8]Keep me as the apple of the eye,
Hide me in the shadow of Thy wings,
[9]From the wicked that oppress,
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
[10]Their gross heart they have shut tight,
With their mouth they speak proudly.
[11]At our every step they have now encompassed us;
They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
[12]He is like a lion that is eager to tear in pieces,
And like a young lion lurking in secret places.

[13]Arise, O LORD, confront him, cast him down;
Deliver my soul from the wicked, by Thy sword;
[14]From men, by Thy hand, O LORD,
From men of the world, whose portion is in this life,
And whose belly Thou fillest with Thy treasure;
Who have children in plenty,
And leave their abundance to their babes.
[15]As for me, I shall behold Thy face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

18 For the Leader. [A Psalm] of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul;
[2]and he said:
I love Thee, O LORD, my strength.

[3]The LORD is my rock,
and my fortress, and
my deliverer;
My God, my rock, in
Him I take refuge;
My shield, and my horn
of salvation, my high
tower.
[4]Praised, I cry, is the
LORD,
And I am saved from
mine enemies.

[5]The cords of Death
compassed me,
And the floods of
Belial assailed me.
[6]The cords of Sheol
surrounded me;
The snares of Death
confronted me.
[7]In my distress I called
upon the LORD,
And cried unto my
God;
Out of His temple He
heard my voice,
And my cry came be-
fore Him into His
ears.

[8]Then the earth did
shake and quake,
The foundations also of
the mountains did
tremble;
They were shaken, be-
cause He was wroth.
[9]Smoke arose up in His
nostrils,
And fire out of His
mouth did devour;
Coals flamed forth from
Him.
[10]He bowed the heavens
also, and came down;
And thick darkness was
under His feet.
[11]And He rode upon a
cherub, and did fly;
Yea, He did swoop
down upon the wings
of the wind.
[12]He made darkness His
hiding-place, His
pavilion round about
Him;
Darkness of waters,
thick clouds of the
skies.
[13]At the brightness be-
fore Him, there
passed through His
thick clouds
Hailstones and coals of
fire.
[14]The LORD also thun-
dered in the heavens,
And the Most High
gave forth His voice;
Hailstones and coals of
fire.
[15]And He sent out His
arrows, and scattered
them;
And He shot forth
lightnings, and dis-
comfited them.
[16]And the channels of
waters appeared,
And the foundations of
the world were laid
bare,
At Thy rebuke, O LORD,

At the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils.

[17]He sent from on high, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters.
[18]He delivered me from mine enemy most strong,
And from them that hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
[19]They confronted me in the day of my calamity;
But the LORD was a stay unto me.
[20]He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
[21]The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

[22]For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
[23]For all His ordinances were before me,
And I put not away His statutes from me.
[24]And I was single-hearted with Him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
[25]Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
[26]With the merciful Thou dost show Thyself merciful,
With the upright man Thou dost show Thyself upright;
[27]With the pure Thou dost show Thyself pure;
And with the crooked Thou dost show Thyself subtle.
[28]For Thou dost save the afflicted people;
But the haughty eyes Thou dost humble.

[29]For Thou dost light my lamp;
The LORD my God doth lighten my darkness.
[30]For by Thee I run upon a troop;
And by my God do I scale a wall.
[31]As for God, His way is perfect;
The word of the LORD is tried;

He is a shield unto all
them that take refuge
in Him.

31 For who is God, save
the LORD?
And who is a Rock, ex-
cept our God?
32 The God that girdeth
me with strength,
And maketh my way
straight;
33 Who maketh my feet
like hinds',
And setteth me upon
my high places;
34 Who traineth my hands
for war,
So that mine arms do
bend a bow of brass.
35 Thou hast also given
me Thy shield of sal-
vation,
And Thy right hand
hath holden me up;
And Thy condescension
hath made me great.
36 Thou hast enlarged my
steps under me,
And my feet have not
slipped.

37 I have pursued mine
enemies, and over-
taken them;
Neither did I turn back
till they were con-
sumed.
38 I have smitten them
through, so that they
are not able to rise;
They are fallen under
my feet.
39 For Thou hast girded
me with strength
unto the battle;
Thou hast subdued
under me those that
rose up against me.
40 Thou hast also made
mine enemies turn
their backs unto me,
And I did cut off them
that hate me.
41 They cried, but there
was none to save;
Even unto the LORD,
but He answered
them not.
42 Then did I beat them
small as the dust be-
fore the wind;
I did cast them out
as the mire of the
streets.
43 Thou hast delivered me
from the contentions
of the people;
Thou hast made me the
head of the nations;
A people whom I have
not known serve me.
44 As soon as they hear
of me, they obey me;
The sons of the
stranger dwindle
away before me.
45 The sons of the
stranger fade away,
And come trembling
out of their close
places.

[47]The LORD liveth, and
blessed be my Rock;
And exalted be the God
of my salvation;
[48]Even the God that exe-
cuteth vengeance for
me,
And subdueth peoples
under me.
[49]He delivereth me from
mine enemies;
Yea, Thou liftest me up
above them that rise
up against me;
Thou deliverest me
from the violent man.
[50]Therefore I will give
thanks unto Thee, O
LORD, among the na-
tions,
And will sing praises
unto Thy name.
[51]Great salvation giveth
He to His king;
And showeth mercy to
His anointed,
To David and to his
seed, for evermore.

19 For the Leader. A
Psalm of David.

[1]The heavens declare
the glory of God,
And the firmament
showeth His handi-
work;
[2]Day unto day uttereth
speech,
And night unto night
revealeth knowledge;
[3]There is no speech,
there are no words,
Neither is their voice
heard.
[4]Their line is gone out
through all the earth,
And their words to the
end of the world.
In them hath He set a
tent for the sun,
[5]Which is as a bride-
groom coming out of
his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a
strong man to run
his course.
[6]His going forth is from
the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the
ends of it;
And there is nothing hid
from the heat thereof.

[7]The law of the LORD is
perfect, restoring the
soul;
The testimony of the
LORD is sure, making
wise the simple.
[8]The precepts of the
LORD are right, re-
joicing the heart;
The commandment of
the LORD is pure, en-
lightening the eyes.
[9]The fear of the LORD is
clean, enduring for
ever;
The ordinances of the
LORD are true, they
are righteous alto-
gether;

[11]More to be desired are
they than gold, yea,
than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey
and the honeycomb.
[12]Moreover by them is
Thy servant warned;
In keeping of them
there is great reward.
[13]Who can discern errors?
Clear Thou me from
hidden faults.
[14]Keep back Thy servant
also from presumptu-
ous sins,
That they may not have
dominion over me;
then shall I be fault-
less,
And I shall be clear
from great transgres-
sion.
[15]Let the words of my
mouth and the medi-
tation of my heart be
acceptable before
Thee,
O LORD, my Rock, and
my Redeemer.

23 A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shep-
herd; I shall not
want.
[2]He maketh me to lie
down in green pas-
tures;
He leadeth me beside
the still waters.
[3]He restoreth my soul;
He guideth me in
straight paths for His
name's sake.
[4]Yea, though I walk
through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff,
they comfort me.
[5]Thou preparest a table
before me in the
presence of mine en-
emies;
Thou hast anointed my
head with oil; my
cup runneth over.
[6]Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me
all the days of my
life;
And I shall dwell in the
house of the LORD for
ever.

24 A Psalm of David.

The earth is the LORD'S,
and the fulness there-
of;
The world, and they
that dwell therein.
[2]For He hath founded it
upon the seas,
And established it upon
the floods.
[3]Who shall ascend into
the mountain of the
LORD?
And who shall stand in
His holy place?

4 He that hath clean
hands, and a pure
heart;
Who hath not taken My
name in vain,
And hath not sworn de-
ceitfully.
5 He shall receive a
blessing from the
LORD,
And righteousness from
the God of his salva-
tion.
6 Such is the generation
of them that seek
after Him,
That seek Thy face,
even Jacob. Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O
ye gates,
And be ye lifted up, ye
everlasting doors;
That the King of glory
may come in.
8 'Who is the King of
glory?'
'The LORD strong and
mighty,
The LORD mighty in
battle.'
9 Lift up your heads, O
ye gates,
Yea, lift them up, ye
everlasting doors;
That the King of glory
may come in.
10 'Who then is the King
of glory?'
'The LORD of hosts;
He is the King of
glory.' Selah

25 [A Psalm] of David.

א Unto Thee, O LORD, do
I lift up my soul.
ב 2 O my God, in Thee
have I trusted, let
me not be ashamed;
Let not mine enemies
triumph over me.
ג 3 Yea, none that wait
for Thee shall be
ashamed;
They shall be ashamed
that deal treacher-
ously without cause.
ד 4 Show me Thy ways,
O LORD;
Teach me Thy paths.
ה ו 5 Guide me in Thy truth,
and teach me;
For Thou art the God
of my salvation;
For Thee do I wait all
the day.
ז 6 Remember, O LORD,
Thy compassions and
Thy mercies;
For they have been
from of old.
ח 7 Remember not the sins
of my youth, nor my
transgressions;
According to Thy
mercy remember
Thou me,
For Thy goodness'
sake, O LORD.
ט 8 Good and upright is
the LORD;
Therefore doth He in-
struct sinners in the
way.

י [9]He guideth the humble
in justice;
And He teacheth the
humble His way.
כ [10]All the paths of the
LORD are mercy and
truth
Unto such as keep His
covenant and His
testimonies.
ל [11]For Thy name's sake,
O LORD,
Pardon mine iniquity,
for it is great.
מ [12]What man is he that
feareth the LORD?
Him will He instruct
in the way that he
should choose.
נ [13]His soul shall abide in
prosperity;
And his seed shall in-
herit the land.
ס [14]The counsel of the
LORD is with them
that fear Him;
And His covenant, to
make them know it.
ע [15]Mine eyes are ever to-
ward the LORD;
For He will bring
forth my feet out of
the net.
פ [16]Turn Thee unto me,
and be gracious un-
to me;
For I am solitary and
afflicted.
צ [17]The troubles of my
heart are enlarged;
O bring Thou me out
of my distresses.
ר [18]See mine affliction and
my travail;
And forgive all my
sins.
[19]Consider how many
are mine enemies,
And the cruel hatred
wherewith they hate
me.
ש [20]O keep my soul, and
deliver me;
Let me not be ashamed,
for I have taken
refuge in Thee.
ת [21]Let integrity and up-
rightness preserve
me,
Because I wait for
Thee.

[22]Redeem Israel, O God,
Out of all his troubles.

27 [A Psalm] of David.

The LORD is my light
and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the strong-
hold of my life; of
whom shall I be
afraid?
[2]When evil-doers came
upon me to eat up
my flesh,
Even mine adversaries
and my foes, they
stumbled and fell.
[3]Though a host should
encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;

Though war should rise
up against me,
Even then will I be
confident.

4 One thing have I asked
of the LORD, that will
I seek after:
That I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all
the days of my life,
To behold the gracious-
ness of the LORD, and
to visit early in His
temple.
5 For He concealeth me
in His pavilion in the
day of evil;
He hideth me in the
covert of His tent;
He lifteth me up upon
a rock.
6 And now shall my head
be lifted up above
mine enemies round
about me;
And I will offer in His
tabernacle sacrifices
with trumpet-sound;
I will sing, yea, I will
sing praises unto the
LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I
call with my voice,
And be gracious unto
me, and answer me.
8 In Thy behalf my heart
hath said: 'Seek ye
My face';
Thy face, LORD, will I
seek.
9 Hide not Thy face from
me;
Put not Thy servant
away in anger;
Thou hast been my
help;
Cast me not off, neither
forsake me, O God of
my salvation.
10 For though my father
and my mother have
forsaken me,
The LORD will take me
up.

11 Teach me Thy way, O
LORD;
And lead me in an even
path,
Because of them that
lie in wait for me.
12 Deliver me not over
unto the will of mine
adversaries;
For false witnesses are
risen up against me,
and such as breathe
out violence.
13 If I had not believed to
look upon the good-
ness of the LORD
In the land of the
living!—
14 Wait for the LORD;
Be strong, and let thy
heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou for the
LORD.

42 For the Leader; Maschil of the sons of Korah.

[2]As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after Thee, O God.
[3]My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
'When shall I come and appear before God?'
[4]My tears have been my food day and night,
While they say unto me all the day: 'Where is thy God?'
[5]These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,
How I passed on with the throng, and led them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holyday.
[6]Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why moanest thou within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him
For the salvation of His countenance.

[7]O my God, my soul is cast down within me;
Therefore do I remember Thee from the land of Jordan,
And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.
[8]Deep calleth unto deep at the voice of Thy cataracts;
All Thy waves and Thy billows are gone over me.
[9]By day the LORD will command His loving-kindness,
And in the night His song shall be with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my life.
[10]I will say unto God my Rock: 'Why hast Thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning under the oppression of the enemy?'
[11]As with a crushing in my bones, mine adversaries taunt me;
While they say unto me all the day: 'Where is thy God?'
[12]Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why moanest thou within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him,
The salvation of my countenance, and my God.

43 Be Thou my judge, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation;
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
[2]For Thou art the God of my strength; why hast Thou cast me off?
Why go I mourning under the oppression of the enemy?
[3]O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me;
Let them bring me unto Thy holy mountain, and to Thy dwelling-places;
[4]Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God, my exceeding joy;
And praise Thee upon the harp, O God, my God.
[5]Why art thou cast down, O my soul?
And why moanest thou within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him,
The salvation of my countenance, and my God.

46 For the Leader; [a Psalm] of the sons of Korah; upon Alamoth. A Song.

[2]God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
[3]Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be moved into the heart of the seas;
[4]Though the waters thereof roar and foam,
Though the mountains shake at the swelling thereof. Selah

[5]There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
The holiest dwelling-place of the Most High.
[6]God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
God shall help her, at the approach of morning.
[7]Nations were in tumult, kingdoms were moved;
He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
[8]The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our high tower.
Selah

[9]Come, behold the works
of the LORD,
Who hath made desolations in the earth.
[10]He maketh wars to
cease unto the end of
the earth;
He breaketh the bow,
and cutteth the spear
in sunder;
He burneth the chariots
in the fire.
[11]Let be, and know that
I am God;
I will be exalted among
the nations, I will be
exalted in the earth.'
[12]The LORD of hosts is
with us;
The God of Jacob is
our high tower.
Selah

55 For the Leader; with string-music. Maschil of David.

[2]Give ear, O God, to my
prayer;
And hide not Thyself
from my supplication.
[3]Attend unto me, and
answer me;
I am distraught in my
complaint, and will
moan;
[4]Because of the voice of
the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they cast mischief
upon me,
And in anger they persecute me.
[5]My heart doth writhe
within me;
And the terrors of death
are fallen upon me.
[6]Fear and trembling
come upon me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
[7]And I said: 'Oh that I
had wings like a
dove!
Then would I fly away,
and be at rest.
[8]Lo, then would I wander
far off,
I would lodge in the
wilderness. Selah
[9]I would haste me to a
shelter
From the stormy wind
and tempest.'
[10]Destroy, O Lord, and
divide their tongue;
For I have seen violence
and strife in the city.
[11]Day and night they go
about it upon the
walls thereof;
Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst
of it.
[12]Wickedness is in the
midst thereof;
Oppression and guile
depart not from her
broad place.
[13]For it was not an enemy
that taunted me,

Then I could have borne it;
Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me,
Then I would have hid myself from him.
[14]But it was thou, a man mine equal,
My companion, and my familiar friend;
[15]We took sweet counsel together,
In the house of God we walked with the throng.
[16]May He incite death against them,
Let them go down alive into the nether-world;
For evil is in their dwelling, and within them.

[17]As for me, I will call upon God;
And the LORD will save me.
[18]Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan;
And He hath heard my voice.
[19]He hath redeemed my soul in peace so that none came nigh me;
For they were many that strove with me.
[20]God shall hear, and humble them,
Even He that is enthroned of old, Selah
Such as have no changes,
And fear not God.
[21]He hath put forth his hands against them that were at peace with him;
He hath profaned his covenant.
[22]Smoother than cream were the speeches of his mouth,
But his heart was war;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they keen-edged swords.

[23]Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain thee;
He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.
[24]But Thou, O God, wilt bring them down into the nethermost pit;
Men of blood and deceit shall not live out half their days;
But as for me, I will trust in Thee.

64 For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

[2]Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;

Preserve my life from
the terror of the
enemy.
[3]Hide me from the
council of evil-doers;
From the tumult of the
workers of iniquity;
[4]Who have whet their
tongue like a sword,
And have aimed their
arrow, a poisoned
word;
[5]That they may shoot in
secret places at the
blameless;
Suddenly do they shoot
at him, and fear not.
[6]They encourage one
another in an evil
matter;
They converse of laying
snares secretly;
They ask, who would
see them.
[7]They search out in-
iquities, they have ac-
complished a diligent
search;
Even in the inward
thought of every one,
and the deep heart.

[8]But God doth shoot at
them with an arrow
suddenly;
Thence are their
wounds.
[9]So they make their own
tongue a stumbling
unto themselves;
All that see them shake
the head.
[10]And all men fear;
And they declare the
work of God,
And understand His
doing.
[11]The righteous shall be
glad in the LORD, and
shall take refuge in
Him;
And all the upright in
heart shall glory.

67 For the Leader; with
string-music. A
Psalm, a Song.

[2]God be gracious unto
us, and bless us;
May He cause His face
to shine toward us;
Selah
[3]That Thy way may be
known upon earth,
Thy salvation among
all nations.

[4]Let the peoples give
thanks unto Thee, O
God;
Let the peoples give
thanks unto Thee, all
of them.
[5]O let the nations be
glad and sing for joy;
For Thou wilt judge the
peoples with equity,
And lead the nations
upon earth. Selah

[6]Let the peoples give
thanks unto Thee, O
God;
Let the peoples give
thanks unto Thee, all
of them.
[7]The earth hath yielded
her increase;
May God, our own God,
bless us.
[8]May God bless us;
And let all the ends of
the earth fear Him.

73 A Psalm of Asaph.

Surely God is good to
Israel,
Even to such as are
pure in heart.
[2]But as for me, my feet
were almost gone;
My steps had well nigh
slipped.
[3]For I was envious at the
arrogant,
When I saw the pros-
perity of the wicked.
[4]For there are no pangs
at their death,
And their body is sound.
[5]In the trouble of man
they are not;
Neither are they
plagued like men.
[6]Therefore pride is as a
chain about their
neck;
Violence covereth them
as a garment.
[7]Their eyes stand forth
from fatness;
They are gone beyond
the imaginations of
their heart.
[8]They scoff, and in
wickedness utter op-
pression;
They speak as if there
were none on high.
[9]They have set their
mouth against the
heavens,
And their tongue walk-
eth through the earth.
[10]Therefore His people
return hither;
And waters of fulness
are drained out by
them.
[11]And they say: 'How
doth God know?
And is there knowledge
in the Most High?'
[12]Behold, such are the
wicked;
And they that are al-
ways at ease increase
riches.
[13]Surely in vain have I
cleansed my heart,
And washed my hands
in innocency;
[14]For all the day have I
been plagued,
And my chastisement
came every morning.

[15]If I had said: 'I will
speak thus',

Behold, I had been
faithless to the generation of Thy children.
[16]And when I pondered
how I might know this,
It was wearisome in
mine eyes;
[17]Until I entered into the
sanctuary of God,
And considered their
end.
[18]Surely Thou settest
them in slippery
places;
Thou hurlest them down
to utter ruin.
[19]How are they become
a desolation in a
moment!
They are wholly consumed by terrors.
[20]As a dream when one
awaketh,
So, O Lord, when Thou
arousest Thyself,
Thou wilt despise
their semblance.
[21]For my heart was in a
ferment,
And I was pricked in
my reins.
[22]But I was brutish, and
ignorant;
I was as a beast before
Thee.

[23]Nevertheless I am continually with Thee;
Thou holdest my right
hand.
[24]Thou wilt guide me
with Thy counsel,
And afterward receive
me with glory.
[25]Whom have I in heaven
but Thee?
And beside Thee I desire none upon earth.
[26]My flesh and my heart
faileth;
But God is the rock of
my heart and my portion for ever.
[27]For, lo, they that go far
from Thee shall perish;
Thou dost destroy all
them that go astray
from Thee.
[28]But as for me, the nearness of God is my
good;
I have made the Lord
GOD my refuge,
That I may tell of all
Thy works.

75 For the Leader; Altashheth. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

[1]We give thanks unto
Thee, O God,
We give thanks, and
Thy name is near;
Men tell of Thy wondrous works.

[2]When I take the appointed time,

I Myself will judge with equity.
4When the earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved,
I Myself establish the pillars of it.' Selah
5I say unto the arrogant: 'Deal not arrogantly';
And to the wicked: 'Lift not up the horn.'
6Lift not up your horn on high;
Speak not insolence with a haughty neck.
7For neither from the east, nor from the west,
Nor yet from the wilderness, cometh lifting up.
8For God is judge;
He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
9For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, with foaming wine, full of mixture,
And He poureth out of the same;
Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall drain them, and drink them.
10But as for me, I will declare for ever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
11All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

84 For the Leader; upon the Gittith. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

2How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
3My soul yearneth, yea, even pineth for the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy unto the living God.
4Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young;
Thine altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King, and my God—.
5Happy are they that dwell in Thy house,
They are ever praising Thee. Selah

6Happy is the man whose strength is in Thee;
In whose heart are the highways.
7Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;

Yea, the early rain
clotheth it with blessings.
[8]They go from strength
to strength,
Every one of them appeareth before God in
Zion.

[9]O LORD God of hosts,
hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of
Jacob. Selah
[10]Behold, O God our
shield,
And look upon the face
of Thine anointed.
[11]For a day in Thy courts
is better than a thousand;
I had rather stand at
the threshold of the
house of my God,
Than to dwell in the
tents of wickedness.
[12]For the LORD God is a
sun and a shield;
The LORD giveth grace
and glory;
No good thing will He
withhold from them
that walk uprightly.
[13]O LORD of hosts,
Happy is the man that
trusteth in Thee.

89 A Prayer of David.

Incline Thine ear, O
LORD, and answer me;
For I am poor and
needy.
[2]Keep my soul, for I am
godly;
O Thou my God, save
Thy servant that
trusteth in Thee.
[3]Be gracious unto me, O
Lord;
For unto Thee do I cry
all the day.
[4]Rejoice the soul of Thy
servant;
For unto Thee, O Lord,
do I lift up my soul.
[5]For Thou, Lord, art
good, and ready to
pardon,
And plenteous in mercy
unto all them that call
upon Thee.

[6]Give ear, O LORD, unto
my prayer;
And attend unto the
voice of my supplications.
[7]In the day of my trouble
I call upon Thee;
For Thou wilt answer
me.
[8]There is none like unto
Thee among the gods,
O Lord;
And there are no works
like Thine.
[9]All nations whom Thou
hast made shall come
and prostrate themselves before Thee, O
Lord;

And they shall glorify
Thy name.
[10]For Thou art great,
and doest wondrous
things;
Thou art God alone.

[11]Teach me, O LORD, Thy
way, that I may walk
in Thy truth;
Make one my heart to
fear Thy name.
[12]I will thank Thee, O
Lord my God, with
my whole heart;
And I will glorify Thy
name for evermore.
[13]For great is Thy mercy
toward me;
And Thou hast de-
livered my soul from
the lowest nether-
world.

[14]O God, the proud are
risen up against me,
And the company of
violent men have
sought after my soul,
And have not set Thee
before them.
[15]But Thou, O Lord, art
a God full of compas-
sion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and
plenteous in mercy
and truth.
[16]O turn unto me, and be
gracious unto me;
Give Thy strength unto
Thy servant,
And save the son of Thy
handmaid.
[17]Work in my behalf a
sign for good;
That they that hate me
may see it, and be put
to shame,
Because Thou, LORD,
hast helped me, and
comforted me.

90 A Prayer of Moses
the man of God.

Lord, Thou hast been
our dwelling-place in
all generations.
[2]Before the mountains
were brought forth,
Or ever Thou hadst
formed the earth and
the world,
Even from everlasting
to everlasting, Thou
art God.
[3]Thou turnest man to
contrition;
And sayest: 'Return,
ye children of men.'
[4]For a thousand years
in Thy sight
Are but as yesterday
when it is past,
And as a watch in the
night.
[5]Thou carriest them
away as with a flood;
they are as a sleep;
In the morning they
are like grass which
groweth up.

[6]In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

[7]For we are consumed in Thine anger,
And by Thy wrath are we hurried away.
[8]Thou hast set our iniquities before Thee,
Our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.
[9]For all our days are passed away in Thy wrath;
We bring our years to an end as a tale that is told.
[10]The days of our years are threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but travail and vanity;
For it is speedily gone, and we fly away.
[11]Who knoweth the power of Thine anger,
And Thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto Thee?
[12]So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of wisdom.
[13]Return, O LORD; how long?
And let it repent Thee concerning Thy servants.
[14]O satisfy us in the morning with Thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
[15]Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us,
According to the years wherein we have seen evil.
[16]Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants,
And Thy glory upon their children.
[17]And let the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
Establish Thou also upon us the work of our hands;
Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

91 O thou that dwellest in the covert of the Most High,
And abidest in the shadow of the Almighty;
[2]I will say of the LORD, who is my refuge and my fortress,

My God, in whom I trust,
[3]That He will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
[4]He will cover thee with His pinions,
And under His wings shalt thou take refuge;
His truth is a shield and a buckler.

[5]Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flieth by day;
[6]Of the pestilence that walketh in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

[7]A thousand may fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
It shall not come nigh thee.
[8]Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the recompense of the wicked.

[9]For thou hast made the LORD who is my refuge,
Even the Most High, thy habitation.
[10]There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.

[11]For He will give His angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
[12]They shall bear thee upon their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
[13]Thou shalt tread upon the lion and asp;
The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under feet.

[14]'Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he hath known My name.
[15]He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him, and bring him to honour.
[16]With long life will I satisfy him,
And make him to behold My salvation.'

94 O LORD, Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth,
Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.
2 Lift up Thyself, Thou Judge of the earth;
Render to the proud their recompense.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked exult?
4 They gush out, they speak arrogancy;
All the workers of iniquity bear themselves loftily.
5 They crush Thy people, O LORD,
And afflict Thy heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
7 And they say: 'The LORD will not see,
Neither will the God of Jacob give heed.'

8 Consider, ye brutish among the people;
And ye fools, when will ye understand?
9 He that planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall He not see?
10 He that instructeth nations, shall not He correct,
Even He that teacheth man knowledge?
11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.

12 Happy is the man whom Thou instructest, O LORD,
And teachest out of Thy law;
13 That Thou mayest give him rest from the days of evil,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off His people,
Neither will He forsake His inheritance.
15 For right shall return unto justice,
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 If I say: 'My foot slippeth',
Thy mercy, O LORD, holdeth me up.

[19]When my cares are
many within me,
Thy comforts delight
my soul.

[20]Shall the seat of wick-
edness have fellow-
ship with Thee,
Which frameth mis-
chief by statute?
[21]They gather themselves
together against the
soul of the righteous,
And condemn innocent
blood.
[22]But the LORD hath been
my high tower,
And my God the rock
of my refuge.
[23]And He hath brought
upon them their own
iniquity,
And will cut them off in
their own evil;
The LORD our God will
cut them off.

96 O sing unto the LORD
a new song;
Sing unto the LORD, all
the earth.
[2]Sing unto the LORD,
bless His name;
Proclaim His salvation
from day to day.
[3]Declare His glory
among the nations,
His marvellous works
among all the peoples.
[4]For great is the LORD,
and highly to be
praised;
He is to be feared above
all gods.
[5]For all the gods of the
peoples are things of
nought;
But the LORD made the
heavens.
[6]Honour and majesty
are before Him;
Strength and beauty
are in His sanctuary.

[7]Ascribe unto the LORD,
ye kindreds of the
peoples,
Ascribe unto the LORD
glory and strength.
[8]Ascribe unto the LORD
the glory due unto
His name;
Bring an offering, and
come into His courts.
[9]O worship the LORD in
the beauty of holi-
ness;
Tremble before Him, all
the earth.

[10]Say among the nations:
'The LORD reigneth.'
The world also is estab-
lished that it cannot
be moved;
He will judge the
peoples with equity.
[11]Let the heavens be glad,
and let the earth re-
joice;

Let the sea roar, and
the fulness thereof;
[12]Let the field exult, and
all that is therein;
Then shall all the trees
of the wood sing for
joy;
[13]Before the LORD, for He
is come;
For He is come to judge
the earth;
He will judge the world
with righteousness,
And the peoples in His
faithfulness.

103 [A Psalm] of David.

Bless the LORD, O my
soul;
And all that is within
me, bless His holy
name.
[2]Bless the LORD, O my
soul,
And forget not all His
benefits;
[3]Who forgiveth all thine
iniquity;
Who healeth all thy dis-
eases;
[4]Who redeemeth thy life
from the pit;
Who encompasseth thee
with lovingkindness
and tender mercies;
[5]Who satisfieth thine old
age with good things;
So that thy youth is re-
newed like the eagle.
[6]The LORD executeth
righteousness,
And acts of justice for
all that are oppressed.
[7]He made known His
ways unto Moses,
His doings unto the
children of Israel.
[8]The LORD is full of com-
passion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and
plenteous in mercy.
[9]He will not always con-
tend;
Neither will He keep
His anger for ever.
[10]He hath not dealt with
us after our sins,
Nor requited us accord-
ing to our iniquities.
[11]For as the heaven is
high above the earth,
So great is His mercy
toward them that fear
Him.
[12]As far as the east is
from the west,
So far hath He re-
moved our transgres-
sions from us.
[13]Like as a father hath
compassion upon his
children,
So hath the LORD com-
passion upon them
that fear Him.
[14]For He knoweth our
frame;
He remembereth that
we are dust.
[15]As for man, his days are
as grass;

As a flower of the field,
so he flourisheth.
[16]For the wind passeth
over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof
knoweth it no more.
[17]But the mercy of the
LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
upon them that fear
Him,
And His righteousness
unto children's children;
[18]To such as keep His
covenant,
And to those that remember His precepts
to do them.

[19]The LORD hath established His throne in
the heavens;
And His kingdom ruleth
over all.
[20]Bless the LORD, ye
angels of His,
Ye mighty in strength,
that fulfill His word,
Hearkening unto the
voice of His word.
[21]Bless the LORD, all ye
His hosts;
Ye ministers of His,
that do His pleasure.
[22]Bless the LORD, all ye
His works,
In all places of His
dominion;
Bless the LORD, O my
soul.

104 Bless the LORD, O
my soul.
O LORD my God, Thou
art very great;
Thou art clothed with
glory and majesty.
[2]Who coverest Thyself
with light as with a
garment,
Who stretchest out the
heavens like a curtain;
[3]Who layest the beams
of Thine upper chambers in the waters,
Who makest the clouds
Thy chariot,
Who walkest upon the
wings of the wind;
[4]Who makest winds Thy
messengers,
The flaming fire Thy
ministers.

[5]Who didst establish the
earth upon its foundations,
That it should not be
moved for ever and
ever;
[6]Thou didst cover it with
the deep as with a
vesture;
The waters stood above
the mountains.
[7]At Thy rebuke they fled,
At the voice of Thy
thunder they hasted
away—
[8]The mountains rose, the
valleys sank down—

Unto the place which
Thou hadst founded
for them;
[9]Thou didst set a bound
which they should not
pass over,
That they might not
return to cover the
earth.

[10]Who sendest forth
springs into the val-
leys;
They run between the
mountains;
[11]They give drink to
every beast of the
field,
The wild asses quench
their thirst.
[12]Beside them dwell the
fowl of the heaven,
From among the
branches they sing.
[13]Who waterest the
mountains from
Thine upper cham-
bers;
The earth is full of the
fruit of Thy works.

[14]Who causest the grass
to spring up for the
cattle,
And herb for the serv-
ice of man;
To bring forth bread out
of the earth,
[15]And wine that maketh
glad the heart of man,
Making the face
brighter than oil,
And bread that stayeth
man's heart.
[16]The trees of the LORD
have their fill,
The cedars of Leba-
non, which He hath
planted;
[17]Wherein the birds make
their nests;
As for the stork, the
fir-trees are her
house.
[18]The high mountains are
for the wild goats;
The rocks are a refuge
for the conies.

[19]Who appointedst the
moon for seasons;
The sun knoweth his
going down.
[20]Thou makest darkness,
and it is night,
Wherein all the beasts
of the forest do creep
forth.
[21]The young lions roar
after their prey,
And seek their food
from God.
[22]The sun ariseth, they
slink away,
And couch in their dens.
[23]Man goeth forth unto
his work
And to his labour until
the evening.

[24]How manifold are Thy
works, O LORD!
In wisdom hast Thou
made them all;

The earth is full of Thy creatures.
[25]Yonder sea, great and wide,
Therein are creeping things innumerable,
Living creatures, both small and great.
[26]There go the ships;
There is leviathan, whom Thou hast formed to sport therein.
[27]All of them wait for Thee,
That Thou mayest give them their food in due season.
[28]Thou givest it unto them, they gather it;
Thou openest Thy hand, they are satisfied with good.
[29]Thou hidest Thy face, they vanish;
Thou withdrawest their breath, they perish,
And return to their dust.
[30]Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created;
And Thou renewest the face of the earth.

[31]May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;
Let the LORD rejoice in His works!
[32]Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth;
He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
[33]I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
[34]Let my musing be sweet unto Him;
As for me, I will rejoice in the LORD.
[35]Let sinners cease out of the earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah.

107 'O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good,
For His mercy endureth for ever.'
[2]So let the redeemed of the LORD say,
Whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary;
[3]And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the sea.

[4]They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
They found no city of habitation.

5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.
7 And He led them by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
8 Let them give thanks unto the LORD for His mercy,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
9 For He hath satisfied the longing soul,
And the hungry soul He hath filled with good.

10 Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron—
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High.
12 Therefore He humbled their heart with travail,
They stumbled, and there was none to help—
13 They cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And broke their bands in sunder.
15 Let them give thanks unto the LORD for His mercy,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For He hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Crazed because of the way of their transgression,
And afflicted because of their iniquities—
18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food,
And they drew near unto the gates of death—
19 They cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses;
20 He sent His word, and healed them,
And delivered them from their graves.
21 Let them give thanks unto the LORD for His mercy,

And for His wonderful
works to the children
of men!
[22]And let them offer the
sacrifices of thanks-
giving,
And declare His works
with singing.

[23]They that go down to
the sea in ships,
That do business in
great waters—
[24]These saw the works
of the LORD,
And His wonders in
the deep;
[25]For He commanded,
and raised the stormy
wind,
Which lifted up the
waves thereof;
[26]They mounted up to
the heaven, they
went down to the
deeps;
Their soul melted away
because of trouble;
[27]They reeled to and fro,
and staggered like a
drunken man,
And all their wisdom
was swallowed up—
[28]They cried unto the
LORD in their trouble,
And He brought them
out of their distresses.
[29]He made the storm a
calm,
So that the waves
thereof were still.
[30]Then were they glad
because they were
quiet,
And He led them unto
their desired haven.
[31]Let them give thanks
unto the LORD for His
mercy,
And for His wonderful
works to the children
of men!
[32]Let them exalt Him
also in the assembly
of the people,
And praise Him in the
seat of the elders.
[33]He turneth rivers into
a wilderness,
And watersprings into
a thirsty ground;
[34]A fruitful land into a
salt waste,
For the wickedness of
them that dwell
therein.
[35]He turneth a wilder-
ness into a pool of
water,
And a dry land into
watersprings.
[36]And there He maketh
the hungry to dwell,
And they establish a
city of habitation;
[37]And sow fields, and
plant vineyards,
Which yield fruits of
increase.
[38]He blesseth them also,
so that they are mul-
tiplied greatly,

And suffereth not their
cattle to decrease.

[39]Again, they are min-
ished and dwindle
away
Through oppression of
evil and sorrow.
[40]He poureth contempt
upon princes,
And causeth them to
wander in the waste,
where there is no
way.
[41]Yet setteth He the
needy on high from
affliction,
And maketh his families
like a flock.
[42]The upright see it, and
are glad;
And all iniquity stop-
peth her mouth.

[43]Whoso is wise, let him
observe these things,
And let them consider
the mercies of the
LORD.

111 Hallelujah.

א I will give thanks unto
the LORD with my
whole heart,
ב In the council of the
upright, and in the
congregation.
ג [2]The works of the LORD
are great,
ד Sought out of all them
that have delight
therein.
ה [3]His work is glory and
majesty;
ו And His righteousness
endureth for ever.
ז [4]He hath made a me-
morial for His won-
derful works;
ח The LORD is gracious
and full of compas-
sion.
ט [5]He hath given food
unto them that fear
Him;
י He will ever be mind-
ful of His covenant.
כ [6]He hath declared to
His people the power
of His works,
ל In giving them the
heritage of the na-
tions.
מ [7]The works of His
hands are truth and
justice;
נ All His precepts are
sure.
ס [8]They are established
for ever and ever,
ע They are done in truth
and uprightness.
פ [9]He hath sent redemp-
tion unto His people;
צ He hath commanded
His covenant for
ever;
ק Holy and awful is His
name.

ר [10]The fear of the LORD
is the beginning of
wisdom;
ש A good understanding
have all they that
do thereafter;
ת His praise endureth
for ever.

112 Hallelujah.

א Happy is the man that
feareth the LORD,
ב That delighteth greatly
in His command-
ments.
ג [2]His seed shall be
mighty upon earth;
ד The generation of the
upright shall be
blessed.
ה [3]Wealth and riches are
in his house:
ו And his merit endureth
for ever.
ז [4]Unto the upright He
shineth as a light in
the darkness,
ח Gracious, and full of
compassion, and
righteous.
ט [5]Well is it with the
man that dealeth
graciously and
lendeth,
י That ordereth his
affairs rightfully.
כ [6]For he shall never be
moved;
ל The righteous shall be
had in everlasting
remembrance.
מ [7]He shall not be afraid
of evil tidings;
נ His heart is stedfast,
trusting in the LORD.
ס [8]His heart is estab-
lished, he shall not
be afraid,
ע Until he gaze upon his
adversaries.
פ [9]He hath scattered
abroad, he hath
given to the needy;
צ His righteousness en-
dureth for ever;
ק His horn shall be ex-
alted in honour.
ר [10]The wicked shall see.
and be vexed;
ש He shall gnash with
his teeth, and melt
away;
ת The desire of the
wicked shall perish.

113 Hallelujah.
Praise, O ye serv-
ants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the
LORD.
[2]Blessed be the name of
the LORD
From this time forth
and for ever.
[3]From the rising of the
sun unto the going
down thereof
The LORD'S name is to
be praised.

[4]The LORD is high above
all nations,

His glory is above the heavens.
5Who is like unto the LORD our God,
That is enthroned on high,
6That looketh down low
Upon heaven and upon the earth?

7Who raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth up the needy out of the dunghill;
8That He may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of His people.
9Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house
As a joyful mother of children.
Hallelujah.

114 When Israel came forth out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2Judah became His sanctuary,
Israel His dominion.

3The sea saw it, and fled;
The Jordan turned backward.
4The mountains skipped like rams,
The hills like young sheep.

5What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest?
Thou Jordan, that thou turnest backward?
6Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams;
Ye hills, like young sheep?

7Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the God of Jacob;
8Who turned the rock into a pool of water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

115 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
But unto Thy name give glory,
For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.
2Wherefore should the nations say:
'Where is now their God?'

3But our God is in the heavens;
Whatsoever pleased Him He hath done.
4Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.

[5]They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
[6]They have ears, but they hear not;
Noses have they, but they smell not;
[7]They have hands, but they handle not;
Feet have they, but they walk not;
Neither speak they with their throat.
[8]They that make them shall be like unto them;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.

[9]O Israel, trust thou in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield!
[10]O house of Aaron, trust ye in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield!
[11]Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
He is their help and their shield.

[12]The LORD hath been mindful of us, He will bless—
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
[13]He will bless them that fear the LORD,
Both small and great.
[14]The LORD increase you more and more,
You and your children.
[15]Blessed be ye of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

[16]The heavens are the heavens of the LORD;
But the earth hath He given to the children of men.
[17]The dead praise not the LORD,
Neither any that go down into silence;
[18]But we will bless the LORD
From this time forth and for ever.
Hallelujah.

116 I love that the LORD should hear
My voice and my supplications.
[2]Because He hath inclined His ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon Him all my days.

[3]The cords of death compassed me,
And the straits of the nether-world got hold upon me;
I found trouble and sorrow.

[4]But I called upon the
name of the LORD:
'I beseech Thee, O LORD,
deliver my soul.'
[5]Gracious is the LORD,
and righteous;
Yea, our God is compassionate.
[6]The LORD preserveth
the simple;
I was brought low, and
He saved me.

[7]Return, O my soul, unto
thy rest;
For the LORD hath
dealt bountifully with
thee.
[8]For Thou hast delivered
my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from
stumbling.
[9]I shall walk before the
LORD
In the lands of the
living.
[10]I trusted even when I
spoke:
'I am greatly afflicted.'
[11]I said in my haste:
'All men are liars.'

[12]How can I repay unto
the LORD
All His bountiful dealings toward me?
[13]I will lift up the cup
of salvation,
And call upon the name
of the LORD.

[14]My vows will I pay
unto the LORD,
Yea, in the presence of
all His people.

[15]Precious in the sight of
the LORD
Is the death of His
saints.
[16]I beseech Thee, O LORD,
for I am Thy servant;
I am Thy servant, the
son of Thy handmaid;
Thou hast loosed my
bands.
[17]I will offer to Thee the
sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the
name of the LORD.
[18]I will pay my vows
unto the LORD,
Yea, in the presence of
all His people;
[19]In the courts of the
LORD'S house,
In the midst of thee, O
Jerusalem.
Hallelujah.

117 O praise the LORD,
all ye nations;
Laud Him, all ye
peoples.
[2]For His mercy is great
toward us;
And the truth of the
LORD endureth for
ever.
Hallelujah.

118 'O give thanks unto
the LORD, for He
is good,
For His mercy endureth for ever.'
2 So let Israel now say,
For his mercy endureth for ever.
3 So let the house of Aaron now say,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
4 So let them now that fear the LORD say,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

5 Out of my straits I called upon the LORD;
He answered me with great enlargement.
6 The LORD is for me; I will not fear;
What can man do unto me?
7 The LORD is for me as my helper;
And I shall gaze upon them that hate me.
8 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in man.
9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD
Than to trust in princes.
10 All nations compass me about;
Verily, in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
11 They compass me about, yea, they compass me about;
Verily, in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
12 They compass me about like bees;
They are quenched as the fire of thorns;
Verily, in the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall;
But the LORD helped me.
14 The LORD is my strength and song;
And He is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD hath chastened me sore;
But He hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter into them,
I will give thanks
unto the LORD.
[20]This is the gate of the
LORD;
The righteous shall
enter into it.
[21]I will give thanks unto
Thee, for Thou hast
answered me,
And art become my
salvation.

[22]The stone which the
builders rejected
Is become the chief
corner-stone.

[23]This is the LORD'S do-
ing;
It is marvellous in our
eyes.

[24]This is the day which
the LORD hath made;
We will rejoice and be
glad in it.

[25]We beseech Thee, O
LORD, save now!
We beseech Thee, O
LORD, make us now
to prosper!

[26]Blessed be he that
cometh in the name
of the LORD;
We bless you out of the
house of the LORD.

[27]The LORD is God, and
hath given us light;
Order the festival pro-
cession with boughs,
even unto the horns
of the altar.

[28]Thou art my God, and
I will give thanks
unto Thee;
Thou art my God, I will
exalt Thee.

[29]O give thanks unto the
LORD, for He is good,
For His mercy endureth
for ever.

120 A Song of Ascents.

In my distress I called
unto the LORD,
And He answered me.
[2]O LORD, deliver my soul
from lying lips,
From a deceitful tongue.
[3]What shall be given
unto thee, and what
shall be done more
unto thee,
Thou deceitful tongue?
[4]Sharp arrows of the
mighty,
With coals of broom.

[5]Woe is me, that I so-
journ with Meshech,
That I dwell beside the
tents of Kedar!
[6]My soul hath full long
had her dwelling

With him that hateth
peace.
[7]I am all peace;
But when I speak, they
are for war.

121 A Song of Ascents.

I will lift up mine eyes
unto the mountains:
From whence shall my
help come?
[2]My help cometh from
the LORD,
Who made heaven and
earth.

[3]He will not suffer thy
foot to be moved;
He that keepeth thee
will not slumber.
[4]Behold, He that keepeth
Israel
Doth neither slumber
nor sleep.

[5]The LORD is thy keeper;
The LORD is thy shade
upon thy right hand.
[6]The sun shall not smite
thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.

[7]The LORD shall keep
thee from all evil;
He shall keep thy soul.
[8]The LORD shall guard
thy going out and thy
coming in,
From this time forth
and for ever.

122 A Song of Ascents; of David.

I rejoiced when they
said unto me:
'Let us go unto the
house of the LORD.'
[2]Our feet are standing
Within thy gates, O
Jerusalem;
[3]Jerusalem, that art
builded
As a city that is compact together;
[4]Whither the tribes went
up, even the tribes of
the LORD,
As a testimony unto
Israel,
To give thanks unto the
name of the LORD.
[5]For there were set
thrones for judgment,
The thrones of the
house of David.

[6]Pray for the peace of
Jerusalem;
May they prosper that
love thee.
[7]Peace be within thy
walls,
And prosperity within
thy palaces.
[8]For my brethren and
companions' sakes,
I will now say: 'Peace
be within thee.'
[9]For the sake of the
house of the LORD our
God
I will seek thy good.

123 A Song of Ascents.

Unto Thee I lift up mine eyes,
O Thou that art enthroned in the heavens.
[2]Behold, as the eyes of servants unto the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes look unto the LORD our God,
Until He be gracious unto us.

[3]Be gracious unto us, O LORD, be gracious unto us;
For we are full sated with contempt.
[4]Our soul is full sated
With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud oppressors.

124 A Song of Ascents; of David.

'If it had not been the LORD who was for us',
Let Israel now say;
[2]'If it had not been the LORD who was for us,
When men rose up against us,
[3]Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us;
[4]Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul;
[5]Then the proud waters
Had gone over our soul.'

[6]Blessed be the LORD,
Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
[7]Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers;
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
[8]Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

125 A Song of Ascents.

They that trust in the LORD
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever.
[2]As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
So the LORD is round about His people,
From this time forth and for ever.

[3]For the rod of wickedness shall not rest
upon the lot of the righteous;
That the righteous put not forth their hands
unto iniquity.

[4]Do good, O LORD, unto the good,
And to them that are upright in their hearts.
[5]But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
The LORD will lead them away with the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel.

126 A Song of Ascents.

When the LORD brought back those that returned to Zion,
We were like unto them that dream.
[2]Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing;
Then said they among the nations:
'The LORD hath done great things with these.'
[3]The LORD hath done great things with us;
We are rejoiced.

[4]Turn our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the dry land.
[5]They that sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
[6]Though he goeth on his way weeping that beareth the measure of seed,
He shall come home with joy, bearing his sheaves.

127 A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.

Except the LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it;
Except the LORD keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.
[2]It is vain for you that ye rise early, and sit up late,
Ye that eat the bread of toil;
So He giveth unto His beloved in sleep.

[3]Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD;
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
[4]As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of one's youth.

[5]Happy is the man that
hath his quiver full of
them;
They shall not be put to
shame,
When they speak with
their enemies in the
gate.

128 A Song of Ascents.

Happy is every one that
feareth the LORD,
That walketh in His
ways.
[2]When thou eatest the
labour of thy hands,
Happy shalt thou be,
and it shall be well
with thee.
[3]Thy wife shall be as a
fruitful vine, in the
innermost parts of
thy house;
Thy children like olive
plants, round about
thy table.
[4]Behold, surely thus
shall the man be
blessed
That feareth the LORD.

[5]The LORD bless thee out
of Zion;
And see thou the good
of Jerusalem all the
days of thy life;
[6]And see thy children's
children.
Peace be upon Israel!

129 A Song of Ascents.

'Much have they
afflicted me from my
youth up',
Let Israel now say;
[2]'Much have they
afflicted me from my
youth up;
But they have not prevailed against me.
[3]The plowers plowed
upon my back;
They made long their
furrows.
[4]The LORD is righteous;
He hath cut asunder the
cords of the wicked.'

[5]Let them be ashamed
and turned backward,
All they that hate Zion.
[6]Let them be as the
grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth afore
it springeth up;
[7]Wherewith the reaper
filleth not his hand,
Nor he that bindeth
sheaves his bosom;
[8]Neither do they that go
by say:
'The blessing of the
LORD be upon you;
We bless you in the
name of the LORD.'

130 A Song of Ascents.

Out of the depths have
I called Thee, O LORD.

[2]Lord, hearken unto my voice;
Let Thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.

[3]If Thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
[4]For with Thee there is forgiveness,
That Thou mayest be feared.

[5]I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
And in His word do I hope.
[6]My soul waiteth for the Lord,
More than watchmen for the morning;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.

[7]O Israel, hope in the LORD;
For with the LORD there is mercy,
And with Him is plenteous redemption.
[8]And He will redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

131 A Song of Ascents; of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I exercise myself in things too great, or in things too wonderful for me.
[2]Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with his mother,
My soul is with me like a weaned child.

[3]O Israel, hope in the LORD
From this time forth and for ever.

132 A Song of Ascents.

LORD, remember unto David
All his affliction;
[2]How he swore unto the LORD,
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
[3]'Surely I will not come into the tent of my house,
Nor go up into the bed that is spread for me;
[4]I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Nor slumber to mine eyelids;
[5]Until I find out a place for the LORD,
A dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

[6]Lo, we heard of it as being in Ephrath;

We found it in the field
of the wood.
7Let us go into His
dwelling-place;
Let us worship at His
footstool.
8Arise, O LORD, unto Thy
resting-place;
Thou, and the ark of
Thy strength.
9Let Thy priests be
clothed with right-
eousness;
And let Thy saints
shout for joy.
10For Thy servant
David's sake
Turn not away the face
of Thine anointed.

11The LORD swore unto
David in truth;
He will not turn back
from it:
'Of the fruit of thy
body will I set upon
thy throne.
12If thy children keep My
covenant
And My testimony that
I shall teach them,
Their children also for
ever shall sit upon
thy throne.'
13For the LORD hath
chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for
His habitation:
14'This is [i]My resting-
place for ever;
Here will I dwell; for I
have desired it.
15I will abundantly bless
her provision;
I will give her needy
bread in plenty.
16Her priests also will I
clothe with salvation;
And her saints shall
shout aloud for joy.
17There will I make a
horn to shoot up unto
David,
There have I ordered
a lamp for Mine
anointed.
18His enemies will I
clothe with shame;
But upon himself shall
his crown shine.'

133 A Song of Ascents; of David.

Behold, how good and
how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell
together in unity!
2It is like the precious
oil upon the head,
Coming down upon the
beard;
Even Aaron's beard,
That cometh down upon
the collar of his gar-
ments;
3Like the dew of Her-
mon,
That cometh down upon
the mountains of
Zion;
For there the LORD com-
manded the blessing,
Even life for ever.

134 A Song of Ascents.

Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD,
That stand in the house of the LORD in the night seasons.
[2]Lift up your hands to the sanctuary,
And bless ye the LORD.

[3]The LORD bless thee out of Zion;
Even He that made heaven and earth.

142 Maschil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer.

[2]With my voice I cry unto the LORD;
With my voice I make supplication unto the LORD.
[3]I pour out my complaint before Him,
I declare before Him my trouble;
[4]When my spirit fainteth within me—
Thou knowest my path—
In the way wherein I walk
Have they hidden a snare for me.
[5]Look on my right hand, and see,
For there is no man that knoweth me;
I have no way to flee;
No man careth for my soul.

[6]I have cried unto Thee, O LORD;
I have said: 'Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.'
[7]Attend unto my cry;
For I am brought very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors;
For they are too strong for me.
[8]Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may give thanks unto Thy name;
The righteous shall crown themselves because of me;
For Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

143 A Psalm of David.

O LORD, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplications;
In Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness.
[2]And enter not into judgment with Thy servant;

For in Thy sight shall
no man living be
justified.

3 For the enemy hath
persecuted my soul;
He hath crushed my
life down to the
ground;
He hath made me to
dwell in dark places,
as those that have
been long dead.
4 And my spirit fainteth
within me;
My heart within me is
appalled.

5 I remember the days of
old;
I meditate on all Thy
doing;
I muse on the work of
Thy hands.
6 I spread forth my hands
unto Thee;
My soul [thirsteth]
after Thee, as a
weary land. Selah
7 Answer me speedily, O
LORD,
My spirit faileth;
Hide not Thy face from
me;
Lest I become like them
that go down into the
pit.
8 Cause me to hear Thy
lovingkindness in the
morning,
For in Thee do I trust;
Cause me to know the
way wherein I should
walk,
For unto Thee have I
lifted up my soul.

9 Deliver me from mine
enemies, O LORD;
With Thee have I hid-
den myself.
10 Teach me to do Thy
will,
For Thou art my God:
Let Thy good spirit
Lead me in an even
land.
11 For Thy name's sake,
O LORD, quicken me;
In Thy righteousness
bring my soul out of
trouble.
12 And in Thy mercy cut
off mine enemies,
And destroy all them
that harass my soul;
For I am Thy servant.

144 [A Psalm] of David.

Blessed be the LORD my
Rock,
Who traineth my hands
for war,
And my fingers for
battle;
2 My lovingkindness, and
my fortress,
My high tower, and my
deliverer;
My shield, and He in
whom I take refuge;

Who subdueth my
people under me.

3LORD, what is man, that
Thou takest knowledge of him?
Or the son of man, that
Thou makest account of him?
4Man is like unto a
breath;
His days are as a
shadow that passeth
away.
5O LORD, bow Thy
heavens, and come
down;
Touch the mountains,
that they may smoke.
6Cast forth lightning,
and scatter them;
Send out Thine arrows,
and discomfit them.
7Stretch forth Thy
hands from on high;
Rescue me, and deliver
me out of many
waters,
Out of the hand of
strangers;
8Whose mouth speaketh
falsehood,
And their right hand is
a right hand of lying.

9O God, I will sing a
new song unto Thee,
Upon a psaltery of ten
strings will I sing
praises unto Thee;
10Who givest salvation
unto kings,
Who rescuest David
Thy servant from the
hurtful sword.
11Rescue me, and deliver
me out of the hand
of strangers,
Whose mouth speaketh
falsehood,
And their right hand is
a right hand of lying.

12We whose sons are as
plants grown up in
their youth;
Whose daughters are
as corner-pillars
carved after the
fashion of a palace;
13Whose garners are full,
affording all manner
of store;
Whose sheep increase
by thousands and ten
thousands in our
fields;
14Whose oxen are well
laden;
With no breach, and no
going forth,
And no outcry in our
broad places;
15Happy is the people
that is in such a case,
Yea, happy is the
people whose God is
the LORD.

145 [A Psalm of]
praise; of David.

ℵ I will extol Thee, my
God, O King;

And I will bless Thy
name for ever and
ever.
ב [2]Every day will I bless
Thee;
And I will praise Thy
name for ever and
ever.
ג [3]Great is the LORD, and
highly to be praised;
And His greatness is
unsearchable.
ד [4]One generation shall
laud Thy works to
another,
And shall declare Thy
mighty acts.
ה [5]The glorious splendour
of Thy majesty,
And Thy wondrous
works, will I re-
hearse.
ו [6]And men shall speak
of the might of Thy
tremendous acts;
And I will tell of Thy
greatness.
ז They shall utter the
fame of Thy great
goodness,
And shall sing of Thy
righteousness.
ח [8]The LORD is gracious,
and full of compas-
sion;
Slow to anger, and of
great mercy.
ט [9]The LORD is good to
all;
And His tender mer-
cies are over all His
works.
[10]All Thy works shall
praise Thee, O LORD;
And Thy saints shall
bless Thee.
כ [11]They shall speak of
the glory of Thy
kingdom,
And talk of Thy
might;
ל [12]To make known to the
sons of men His
mighty acts,
And the glory of the
majesty of His king-
dom.
מ [13]Thy kingdom is a
kingdom for all ages,
And Thy dominion en-
dureth throughout
all generations.
ס [14]The LORD upholdeth
all that fall,
And raiseth up all
those that are bowed
down.
ע [15]The eyes of all wait
for Thee,
And Thou givest them
their food in due
season.
פ [16]Thou openest Thy
hand,
And satisfiest every
living thing with
favour.
צ [17]The LORD is righteous
in all His ways,
And gracious in all
His works.
ק [18]The LORD is nigh unto
all them that call
upon Him,

To all that call upon
Him in truth.
ר 19 He will fulfil the de-
sire of them that
fear Him;
He also will hear their
cry, and will save
them.
ש 20 The LORD preserveth
all them that love
Him;
But all the wicked
will He destroy.
ת 21 My mouth shall speak
the praise of the
LORD;
And let all flesh bless
His holy name for
ever and ever.

PROVERBS

1 1 THE fear of the LORD
is the beginning of
knowledge;
But the foolish despise
wisdom and dis-
cipline.

2 Hear, my son, the in-
struction of thy
father,
And forsake not the
teaching of thy
mother;
9 For they shall be a
chaplet of grace unto
thy head,
And chains about thy
neck.

10 My son, if sinners en-
tice thee,
Consent thou not.
11 If they say: 'Come with
us,
Let us lie in wait for
blood,
Let us lurk for the in-
nocent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them
up alive as the grave,
And whole, as those
that go down into the
pit;
13 We shall find all pre-
cious substance,
We shall fill our houses
with spoil;
14 Cast in thy lot among
us;
Let us all have one
purse'—
15 My son, walk not thou
in the way with them,
Restrain thy foot from
their path;
16 For their feet run to
evil,
And they make haste
to shed blood.
17 For in vain the net is
spread
In the eyes of any bird;

[18]And these lie in wait
for their own blood,
They lurk for their own
lives.
[19]So are the ways of
every one that is
greedy of gain;
It taketh away the life
of the owners thereof.

5 My son, attend unto
my wisdom;
Incline thine ear to my
understanding;
[2]That thou mayest pre-
serve discretion,
And that thy lips may
keep knowledge.
[3]For the lips of a strange
woman drop honey,
And her mouth is
smoother than oil;
[4]But her end is bitter
as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged
sword.
[5]Her feet go down to
death;
Her steps take hold on
the nether-world;
[6]Lest she should walk
the even path of life,
Her ways wander, but
she knoweth it not.

[7]Now therefore, O ye
children, hearken
unto me,
And depart not from
the words of my
mouth.
[8]Remove thy way far
from her,
And come not nigh the
door of her house;
[9]Lest thou give thy
vigour unto others,
And thy years unto the
cruel;
[10]Lest strangers be filled
with thy strength,
And thy labours be in
the house of an alien;
[11]And thou moan, when
thine end cometh,
When thy flesh and thy
body are consumed,
[12]And say: 'How have I
hated instruction,
And my heart despised
reproof;
[13]Neither have I hark-
ened to the voice of
my teachers,
Nor inclined mine ear
to them that in-
structed me!
[14]I was well nigh in all
evil
In the midst of the
congregation and as-
sembly.'

[15]Drink waters out of
thine own cistern,
And running waters out
of thine own well.
[16]Let thy springs be dis-
persed abroad,
And courses of water
in the streets.
[17]Let them be only thine
own,

And not strangers' with
thee.
18Let thy fountain be
blessed;
And have joy of the
wife of thy youth.
19A lovely hind and a
graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy
thee at all times;
With her love be thou
ravished always.
20Why then wilt thou,
my son, be ravished
with a strange
woman,
And embrace the bosom
of an alien?

21For the ways of man
are before the eyes of
the LORD,
And He maketh even
all his paths.
22His own iniquities shall
ensnare the wicked,
And he shall be holden
with the cords of his
sin.
23He shall die for lack of
instruction;
And in the greatness of
his folly he shall reel.

6 6Go to the ant, thou
sluggard;
Consider her ways, and
be wise;
7Which having no chief,
Overseer, or ruler,
8Provideth her bread in
the summer,
And gathereth her food
in the harvest.
9How long wilt thou
sleep, O sluggard?
When wilt thou arise
out of thy sleep?
10'Yet a little sleep, a
little slumber,
A little folding of the
hands to sleep'—
11So shall thy poverty
come as a runner,
And thy want as an
armed man.

12A base person, a man
of iniquity,
Is he that walketh with
a froward mouth;
13That winketh with his
eyes, that scrapeth
with his feet,
That pointeth with his
fingers;
14Frowardness is in his
heart, he deviseth
evil continually;
He soweth discord.
15Therefore shall his ca-
lamity come suddenly;
On a sudden shall he
be broken, and that
without remedy.

16There are six things
which the LORD
hateth,
Yea, seven which are
an abomination unto
Him:
17Haughty eyes, a lying
tongue,

And hands that shed
innocent blood;
[18]A heart that deviseth
wicked thoughts,
Feet that are swift in
running to evil;
[19]A false witness that
breatheth out lies,
And he that soweth
discord among brethren.

[20]My son, keep the commandment of thy
father,
And forsake not the
teaching of thy
mother;
[21]Bind them continually
upon thy heart,
Tie them about thy
neck.
[22]When thou walkest, it
shall lead thee,
When thou liest down,
it shall watch over
thee;
And when thou awakest,
it shall talk with
thee.
[23]For the commandment
is a lamp, and the
teaching is light,
And reproofs of instruction are the way
of life;
[24]To keep thee from the
evil woman,
From the smoothness
of the alien tongue.
[25]Lust not after her
beauty in thy heart;
Neither let her captivate thee with her
eyelids.
[26]For on account of a
harlot a man is
brought to a loaf of
bread,
But the adulteress
hunteth for the precious life.
[27]Can a man take fire in
his bosom,
And his clothes not be
burned?
[28]Or can one walk upon
hot coals,
And his feet not be
scorched?
[29]So he that goeth in to
his neighbour's wife;
Whosoever toucheth
her shall not go unpunished.
[30]Men do not despise a
thief, if he steal
To satisfy his soul
when he is hungry;
[31]But if he be found, he
must restore sevenfold,
He must give all the
substance of his
house.
[32]He that committeth
adultery with a
woman lacketh understanding;
He doeth it that would
destroy his own soul.
[33]Wounds and dishonour
shall he get,

And his reproach shall
not be wiped away.
[34]For jealousy is the rage
of a man,
And he will not spare
in the day of ven-
geance.
[35]He will not regard any
ransom;
Neither will he rest
content, though thou
givest many gifts.

10 A wise son maketh a
glad father;
But a foolish son is the
grief of his mother.

[2]Treasures of wicked-
ness profit nothing;
But righteousness de-
livereth from death.

[3]The LORD will not suffer
the soul of the right-
eous to famish;
But He thrusteth away
the desire of the
wicked.

[4]He becometh poor that
dealeth with a slack
hand;
But the hand of the
diligent maketh rich.

[5]A wise son gathereth
in summer;
But a son that doeth
shamefully sleepeth
in harvest.

[6]Blessings are upon the
head of the right-
eous;
But the mouth of the
wicked concealeth
violence.

[7]The memory of the
righteous shall be for
a blessing;
But the name of the
wicked shall rot.

[8]The wise in heart will
receive command-
ments;
But a prating fool shall
fall.

[9]He that walketh up-
rightly walketh
securely;
But he that perverteth
his ways shall be
found out.

[10]He that winketh with
the eye causeth sor-
row;
And a prating fool shall
fall.

[11]The mouth of the
righteous is a foun-
tain of life;
But the mouth of the
wicked concealeth
violence.

[12]Hatred stirreth up
strifes;
But love covereth all
transgressions.

[13]In the lips of him that
hath discernment
wisdom is found;
But a rod is for the
back of him that is
void of understand-
ing.

[14]Wise men lay up knowl-
edge;
But the mouth of the
foolish is an immi-
nent ruin.

[15]The rich man's wealth
is his strong city;
The ruin of the poor is
their poverty.

[16]The wages of the right-
eous is life;
The increase of the
wicked is sin.

[17]He is in the way of life
that heedeth instruc-
tion;
But he that forsaketh
reproof erreth.

[18]He that hideth hatred
is of lying lips;
And he that uttereth a
slander is a fool.

[19]In the multitude of
words there wanteth
not transgression;
But he that refraineth
his lips is wise.

[20]The tongue of the
righteous is as choice
silver;
The heart of the wicked
is little worth.

[21]The lips of the right-
eous feed many;
But the foolish die for
want of understand-
ing.

[22]The blessing of the
LORD, it maketh rich,
And toil addeth nothing
thereto.

[23]It is as sport to a fool
to do wickedness,
And so is wisdom to a
man of discernment.

[24]The fear of the wicked,
it shall come upon
him;
And the desire of the
righteous shall be
granted.

[25]When the whirlwind
passeth, the wicked is
no more;
But the righteous is an
everlasting founda-
tion.

[26]As vinegar to the teeth,
and as smoke to the
eyes,
So is the sluggard to
them that send him.

27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days;
But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous is gladness;
But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

29 The way of the LORD is a stronghold to the upright,
But ruin to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous shall never be moved;
But the wicked shall not inhabit the land.

31 The mouth of the righteous buddeth with wisdom;
But the froward tongue shall be cut off.

32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable;
But the mouth of the wicked is all frowardness.

11 A false balance is an abomination to the LORD;
But a perfect weight is His delight.

2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame;
But with the lowly is wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them;
But the perverseness of the faithless shall destroy them.

4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath;
But righteousness delivereth from death.

5 The righteousness of the sincere shall make straight his way;
But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them;
But the faithless shall be trapped in their own crafty device.

7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish,
And the hope of strength perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble,
And the wicked cometh in his stead.

[9]With his mouth the impious man destroyeth his neighbour;
But through knowledge shall the righteous be delivered.

[10]When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth;
And when the wicked perish, there is joy.

[11]By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted;
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

[12]He that despiseth his neighbour lacketh understanding;
But a man of discernment holdeth his peace.

[13]He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets;
But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter.

[14]Where no wise direction is, a people falleth;
But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

[15]He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it;
But he that hateth them that strike hands is secure.

[16]A gracious woman obtaineth honour;
And strong men obtain riches.

[17]The merciful man doeth good to his own soul;
But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

[18]The wicked earneth deceitful wages;
But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.

[19]Stedfast righteousness tendeth to life;
But he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.

[20]They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to the LORD;
But such as are upright in their way are His delight.

[21]My hand upon it! the evil man shall not be unpunished;

But the seed of the
righteous shall escape.

[22]As a ring of gold in a
swine's snout,
So is a fair woman that
turneth aside from
discretion.

[23]The desire of the right-
eous is only good;
But the expectation of
the wicked is wrath.

[24]There is that scattereth,
and yet increaseth;
And there is that with-
holdeth more than is
meet, but it tendeth
only to want.

[25]The beneficent soul
shall be made rich,
And he that satisfieth
abundantly shall be
satisfied also himself.

[26]He that withholdeth
corn, the people shall
curse him;
But blessing shall be
upon the head of him
that selleth it.

[27]He that diligently
seeketh good seeketh
favour;
But he that searcheth
for evil, it shall come
unto him.

[28]He that trusteth in his
riches shall fall;
But the righteous shall
flourish as foliage.

[29]He that troubleth his
own house shall in-
herit the wind;
And the foolish shall be
servant to the wise of
heart.

[30]The fruit of the right-
eous is a tree of life;
And he that is wise
winneth souls.

[31]Behold, the righteous
shall be requited in
the earth;
How much more the
wicked and the sin-
ner!

15 A soft answer turneth
away wrath;
But a grievous word
stirreth up anger.

[2]The tongue of the wise
useth knowledge
aright;
But the mouth of fools
poureth out foolish-
ness.

[3]The eyes of the LORD
are in every place,
Keeping watch upon
the evil and the good.

4 A soothing tongue is a
tree of life;
But perverseness there-
in is a wound to the
spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his
father's correction;
But he that regardeth
reproof is prudent.

6 In the house of the
righteous is much
treasure;
But in the revenues of
the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise
disperse knowledge;
But the heart of the
foolish is not sted-
fast.

8 The sacrifice of the
wicked is an abom-
ination to the LORD;
But the prayer of the
upright is His delight.

9 The way of the wicked
is an abomination to
the LORD;
But He loveth him that
followeth after right-
eousness.

10 There is grievous cor-
rection for him that
forsaketh the way;
And he that hateth re-
proof shall die.

11 The nether-world and
Destruction are be-
fore the LORD;
How much more then
the hearts of the
children of men!

12 A scorner loveth not to
be reproved;
He will not go unto the
wise.

13 A merry heart maketh
a cheerful counte-
nance;
But by sorrow of heart
the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that
hath discernment
seeketh knowledge;
But the mouth of fools
feedeth on folly.

15 All the days of the
poor are evil;
But he that is of a
merry heart hath a
continual feast.

16 Better is little with the
fear of the LORD,
Than great treasure
and turmoil there-
with.

17 Better is a dinner of
herbs where love is,
Than a stalled ox and
hatred therewith.

18 A wrathful man stirreth
up discord;
But he that is slow to
anger appeaseth
strife.

19 The way of the slug-
gard is as though
hedged by thorns;
But the path of the up-
right is even.

20 A wise son maketh a
glad father;
But a foolish man de-
spiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to him that
lacketh understand-
ing;
But a man of dis-
cernment walketh
straightforwards.

22 For want of counsel
purposes are frus-
trated;
But in the multitude of
counsellors they are
established.

23 A man hath joy in the
answer of his mouth;
And a word in due
season, how good is
it!

24 The path of life goeth
upward for the wise,
That he may depart
from the nether-world
beneath.

25 The LORD will pluck up
the house of the
proud;
But He will establish
the border of the
widow.

26 The thoughts of wick-
edness are an abom-
ination to the LORD;
But words of pleasant-
ness are pure.

27 He that is greedy of
gain troubleth his
own house;
But he that hateth
gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the right-
eous studieth to an-
swer;
But the mouth of the
wicked poureth out
evil things.

29 The LORD is far from
the wicked;
But He heareth the
prayer of the right-
eous.

30 The light of the eyes
rejoiceth the heart;
And a good report
maketh the bones fat.

31 The ear that hearken-
eth to the reproof of
life
Abideth among the wise.

[32]He that refuseth correction despiseth his own soul;
But he that hearkeneth to reproof getteth understanding.

[33]The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom;
And before honour goeth humility.

22 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
And loving favour rather than silver and gold.

[2]The rich and the poor meet together—
The LORD is the maker of them all.

[3]A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself;
But the thoughtless pass on, and are punished.

[4]The reward of humility is the fear of the LORD,
Even riches, and honour, and life.

[5]Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward;
He that keepeth his soul holdeth himself far from them.

[6]Train up a child in the way he should go,
And even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

[7]The rich ruleth over the poor,
And the borrower is servant to the lender.

[8]He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity;
And the rod of his wrath shall fail.

[9]He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed;
For he giveth of his bread to the poor.

[10]Cast out the scorner, and contention will go out;
Yea, strife and shame will cease.

[11]He that loveth pureness of heart,
That hath grace in his lips, the king shall be his friend.

[12]The eyes of the LORD preserve him that hath knowledge,

But He overthroweth
the words of the
faithless man.

[13]The sluggard saith:
'There is a lion with-
out;
I shall be slain in the
streets.'

[14]The mouth of strange
women is a deep pit:
He that is abhorred of
the LORD shall fall
therein.

[15]Foolishness is bound
up in the heart of a
child;
But the rod of correc-
tion shall drive it far
from him.

[16]One may oppress the
poor, yet will their
gain increase;
One may give to the
rich, yet will want
come.

[17]Incline thine ear, and
hear the words of the
wise,
And apply thy heart
unto my knowledge.
[18]For it is a pleasant
thing if thou keep
them within thee;
Let them be established
altogether upon thy
lips.

[19]That thy trust may be
in the LORD,
I have made them
known to thee this
day, even to thee.
[20]Have not I written unto
thee excellent things
Of counsels and knowl-
edge;
[21]That I might make thee
know the certainty of
the words of truth,
That thou mightest
bring back words of
truth to them that
send thee?

[22]Rob not the weak, be-
cause he is weak,
Neither crush the poor
in the gate;
[23]For the LORD will plead
their cause,
And despoil of life
those that despoil
them.

[24]Make no friendship
with a man that is
given to anger;
And with a wrathful
man thou shalt not
go;
[25]Lest thou learn his
ways,
And get a snare to thy
soul.

[26]Be thou not of them
that strike hands,
Or of them that are
sureties for debts;

[27]If thou hast not wherewith to pay,
Why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

[28]Remove not the ancient landmark,
Which thy fathers have set.

[29]Seest thou a man diligent in his business?
he shall stand before kings;
He shall not stand before mean men.

26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honour is not seemly for a fool.

[2]As the wandering sparrow, as the flying swallow,
So the curse that is causeless shall come home.

[3]A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass,
And a rod for the back of fools.

[4]Answer not a fool according to his folly,
Lest thou also be like unto him.

[5]Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

[6]He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool
Cutteth off his own feet, and drinketh damage.

[7]The legs hang limp from the lame;
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

[8]As a small stone in a heap of stones,
So is he that giveth honour to a fool.

[9]As a thorn that cometh into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

[10]A master performeth all things;
But he that stoppeth a fool is as one that stoppeth a flood.

[11]As a dog that returneth to his vomit,
So is a fool that repeateth his folly.

[12]Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes?

There is more hope of
a fool than of him.

[13]The sluggard saith:
'There is a lion in
the way;
Yea, a lion is in the
streets.'

[14]The door is turning
upon its hinges,
And the sluggard is
still upon his bed.

[15]The sluggard burieth
his hand in the dish;
It wearieth him to
bring it back to his
mouth.

[16]The sluggard is wiser
in his own eyes
Than seven men that
give wise answer.

[17]He that passeth by, and
meddleth with strife
not his own,
Is like one that taketh
a dog by the ears.

[18]As a madman who
casteth firebrands,
Arrows, and death;
[19]So is the man that de-
ceiveth his neighbour,
And saith: 'Am not I
in sport?'

[20]Where no wood is, the
fire goeth out;
And where there is no
whisperer, contention
ceaseth.

[21]As coals are to burning
coals, and wood to
fire;
So is a contentious man
to kindle strife.

[22]The words of a whis-
perer are as dainty
morsels,
And they go down into
the innermost parts
of the body.

[23]Burning lips and a
wicked heart
Are like an earthen
vessel overlaid with
silver dross.

[24]He that hateth dissem-
bleth with his lips,
But he layeth up deceit
within him.
[25]When he speaketh fair,
believe him not;
For there are seven
abominations in his
heart.
[26]Though his hatred be
concealed with deceit,
His wickedness shall be
revealed before the
congregation.

[27]Whoso diggeth a pit
shall fall therein;

And he that rolleth a
stone, it shall return
upon him.
[26]A lying tongue hateth
those that are
crushed by it;
And a flattering mouth
worketh ruin.

31 א [10]A woman of valour
who can find?
For her price is far
above rubies.
ב [11]The heart of her hus-
band doth safely
trust in her,
And he hath no lack
of gain.
ג [12]She doeth him good
and not evil
All the days of her
life.
ד [13]She seeketh wool and
flax,
And worketh willingly
with her hands.
ה [14]She is like the mer-
chant-ships;
She bringeth her food
from afar.
ו [15]She riseth also while
it is yet night,
And giveth food to her
household,
And a portion to her
maidens.
ז [16]She considereth a field,
and buyeth it;
With the fruit of her
hands she planteth a
vineyard.
ח [17]She girdeth her loins
with strength,
And maketh strong
her arms.
ט [18]She perceiveth that
her merchandise is
good;
Her lamp goeth not
out by night.
י [19]She layeth her hands
to the distaff,
And her hands hold
the spindle.
כ [20]She stretcheth out her
hand to the poor;
Yea, she reacheth forth
her hands to the
needy.
ל [21]She is not afraid of
the snow for her
household;
For all her household
are clothed with
scarlet.
מ [22]She maketh for herself
coverlets;
Her clothing is fine
linen and purple.
נ [23]Her husband is known
in the gates,
When he sitteth among
the elders of the
land.
ס [24]She maketh linen gar-
ments and selleth
them;
And delivereth girdles
unto the merchant.
ע [25]Strength and dignity
are her clothing;
And she laugheth at
the time to come.

ם [26]She openeth her mouth
with wisdom;
And the law of kindness is on her tongue.
ע [27]She looketh well to
the ways of her
household,
And eateth not the
bread of idleness.
פ [28]Her children rise up,
and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and
he praiseth her:

ר [29]'Many daughters have
done valiantly,
But thou excellest
them all.'
ש [30]Grace is deceitful, and
beauty is vain;
But a woman that
feareth the LORD, she
shall be praised.
ת [31]Give her of the fruit
of her hands;
And let her works
praise her in the
gates.

JOB

38 THEN the LORD answered Job out of the
whirlwind, and said:
[2]Who is this that darkeneth counsel
By words without
knowledge?
[3]Gird up now thy loins
like a man;
For I will demand of
thee, and declare thou
unto Me.

[4]Where wast thou when
I laid the foundations
of the earth?
Declare, if thou hast
the understanding.
[5]Who determined the
measures thereof, if
thou knowest?
Or who stretched the
line upon it?
[6]Whereupon were the
foundations thereof
fastened?
Or who laid the cornerstone thereof,
[7]When the morning stars
sang together,
And all the sons of God
shouted for joy?

[8]Or who shut up the sea
with doors,
When it broke forth,
and issued out of the
womb;
[9]When I made the cloud
the garment thereof,
And thick darkness a
swaddling-band for it,
[10]And prescribed for it
My decree,
And set bars and doors,

[11]And said: 'Thus far shalt thou come, but no further;
And here shall thy proud waves be stayed'?

[12]Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days began,
And caused the day-spring to know its place;
[13]That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?
[14]It is changed as clay under the seal;
And they stand as a garment.
[15]But from the wicked their light is withholden,
And the high arm is broken.

[16]Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea?
Or hast thou walked in the recesses of the deep?
[17]Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee?
Or hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?
[18]Hast thou surveyed unto the breadths of the earth?
Declare, if thou knowest it all.

[19]Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
And as for darkness, where is the place thereof;
[20]That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof,
And that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?
[21]Thou knowest it, for thou wast then born,
And the number of thy days is great!
[22]Hast thou entered the treasuries of the snow,
Or hast thou seen the treasuries of the hail,
[23]Which I have reserved against the time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war?

[24]By what way is the light parted,
Or the east wind scattered upon the earth?
[25]Who hath cleft a channel for the waterflood,
Or a way for the lightning of the thunder;
[26]To cause it to rain on a land where no man is,

On the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
[27]To satisfy the desolate and waste ground,
And to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
[28]Hath the rain a father?
Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
[29]Out of whose womb came the ice?
And the hoar-frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
[30]The waters are congealed like stone,
And the face of the deep is frozen.

[31]Canst thou bind the chains of the Pleiades,
Or loose the bands of Orion?
[32]Canst thou lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season?
Or canst thou guide the Bear with her sons?
[33]Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens?
Canst thou establish the dominion thereof in the earth?
[34]Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
That abundance of waters may cover thee?
[35]Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee: 'Here we are'?

[36]Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts?
Or who hath given understanding to the mind?
[37]Who can number the clouds by wisdom?
Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven,
[38]When the dust runneth into a mass,
And the clods cleave fast together?

[39]Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lioness?
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
[40]When they couch in their dens,
And abide in the covert to lie in wait?

[41]Who provideth for the raven his prey,
When his young ones cry unto God,
And wander for lack of food?
39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth?

Or canst thou mark
when the hinds do
calve?
2Canst thou number the
months that they ful-
fil?
Or knowest thou the
time when they bring
forth?
3They bow themselves,
they bring forth their
young,
They cast out their
fruit.
4Their young ones wax
strong, they grow up
in the open field;
They go forth, and re-
turn not again.

5Who hath sent out the
wild ass free?
Or who hath loosed the
bands of the wild
ass?
6Whose house I have
made the wilderness,
And the salt land his
dwelling-place.
7He scorneth the tumult
of the city,
Neither heareth he the
shoutings of the
driver.
8The range of the
mountains is his pas-
ture,
And he searcheth after
every green thing.

9Will the wild-ox be
willing to serve thee?
Or will he abide by thy
crib?
10Canst thou bind the
wild-ox with his band
in the furrow?
Or will he harrow the
valleys after thee?
11Wilt thou trust him,
because his strength
is great?
Or wilt thou leave thy
labour to him?
12Wilt thou rely on him,
that he will bring
home thy seed,
And gather the corn of
thy threshing-floor?

13The wing of the ostrich
beateth joyously;
But are her pinions and
feathers the kindly
stork's?
14For she leaveth her
eggs on the earth,
And warmeth them in
the dust,
15And forgetteth that the
foot may crush them,
Or that the wild beast
may trample them.
16She is hardened against
her young ones, as if
they were not hers;
Though her labour be
in vain, she is with-
out fear;
17Because God hath de-
prived her of wisdom,
Neither hath He im-
parted to her under-
standing.

[18]When the time cometh, she raiseth her wings on high,
And scorneth the horse and his rider.

[19]Hast thou given the horse his strength?
Hast thou clothed his neck with fierceness?
[20]Hast thou made him to leap as a locust?
The glory of his snorting is terrible.
[21]He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength;
He goeth out to meet the clash of arms.
[22]He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted;
Neither turneth he back from the sword.
[23]The quiver rattleth upon him,
The glittering spear and the javelin.
[24]He swalloweth the ground with storm and rage;
Neither believeth he that it is the voice of the horn.
[25]As oft as he heareth the horn he saith: 'Ha, ha!'
And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

[26]Doth the hawk soar by thy wisdom,
And stretch her wings toward the south?
[27]Doth the vulture mount up at thy command,
And make her nest on high?
[28]She dwelleth and abideth on the rock,
Upon the crag of the rock, and the stronghold.
[29]From thence she spieth out the prey;
Her eyes behold it afar off.
[30]Her young ones also suck up blood;
And where the slain are, there is she.

RUTH

1 AND it came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the field of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. [2]And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and

the name of his two sons
Mahlon and Chilion, Eph-
rathites of Beth-lehem in
Judah. And they came
into the field of Moab,
and continued there. [3]And
Elimelech Naomi's hus-
band died; and she was
left, and her two sons.
[4]And they took them wives
of the women of Moab:
the name of the one was
Orpah, and the name of
the other Ruth; and they
dwelt there about ten
years. [5]And Mahlon and
Chilion died both of them;
and the woman was left
of her two children and
of her husband. [6]Then
she arose with her
daughters-in-law, that
she might return from
the field of Moab; for she
had heard in the field of
Moab how that the LORD
had remembered His
people in giving them
bread. [7]And she went
forth out of the place
where she was, and her
two daughters-in-law
with her; and they went
on the way to return unto
the land of Judah. [8]And
Naomi said unto her two
daughters-in-law: 'Go,
return each of you to her
mother's house; the LORD
deal kindly with you, as
ye have dealt with the
dead, and with me. [9]The
LORD grant you that ye
may find rest, each of you
in the house of her hus-
band.' Then she kissed
them; and they lifted
up their voice, and wept.
[10]And they said unto her:
'Nay, but we will return
with thee unto thy people.'
[11]And Naomi said: 'Turn
back, my daughters; why
will ye go with me? have
I yet sons in my womb,
that they may be your
husbands? [12]Turn back,
my daughters, go your
way; for I am too old to
have a husband. If I
should say: I have hope,
should I even have a hus-
band to-night, and also
bear sons; [13]would ye
tarry for them till they
were grown? would ye
shut yourselves off for
them and have no hus-
bands? nay, my daugh-
ters; for it grieveth me
much for your sakes, for
the hand of the LORD is
gone forth against me.'
[14]And they lifted up their
voice, and wept again;
and Orpah kissed her
mother-in-law; but Ruth
cleaved unto her. [15]And
she said: 'Behold, thy
sister-in-law is gone back
unto her people, and unto
her god; return thou after
thy sister-in-law.' [16]And
Ruth said: 'Entreat me

not to leave thee, and to
return from following
after thee; for whither
thou goest, I will go; and
where thou lodgest, I will
lodge; thy people shall be
my people, and thy God
my God; [17]where thou
diest, will I die, and there
will I be buried; the LORD
do so to me, and more
also, if aught but death
part thee and me.' [18]And
when she saw that she
was stedfastly minded
to go with her, she left
off speaking unto her.
[19]So they two went
until they came to
Beth-lehem. And it came
to pass, when they were
come to Beth-lehem, that
all the city was astir con-
cerning them, and the
women said: 'Is this
Naomi?' [20]And she said
unto them: 'Call me not
Naomi, call me Marah;
for the Almighty hath
dealt very bitterly with
me. [21]I went out full, and
the LORD hath brought me
back home empty; why
call ye me Naomi, seeing
the LORD hath testified
against me, and the Al-
mighty hath afflicted me?'
[22]So Naomi returned, and
Ruth the Moabitess, her
daughter-in-law, with her,
who returned out of the
field of Moab—and they
came to Beth-lehem in
the beginning of barley
harvest.

2 And Naomi had a kins-
man of her husband's,
a mighty man of valour,
of the family of Elimelech,
and his name was Boaz.
[2]And Ruth the Moabitess
said unto Naomi: 'Let
me now go to the field,
and glean among the ears
of corn after him in
whose sight I shall find
favour.' And she said
unto her: 'Go, my daugh-
ter.' [3]And she went, and
came and gleaned in the
field after the reapers;
and her hap was to light
on the portion of the
field belonging unto Boaz,
who was of the family of
Elimelech. [4]And, behold,
Boaz came from Beth-
lehem, and said unto the
reapers: 'The LORD be
with you.' And they an-
swered him: 'The LORD
bless thee.' [5]Then said
Boaz unto his servant
that was set over the
reapers: 'Whose damsel
is this?' [6]And the servant
that was set over the
reapers answered and
said: 'It is a Moabitish
damsel that came back
with Naomi out of the
field of Moab; [7]and she
said: Let me glean, I
pray you, and gather

after the reapers among
the sheaves; so she came,
and hath continued even
from the morning until
now, save that she tarried
a little in the house.'
[8]Then said Boaz unto
Ruth: 'Hearest thou not,
my daughter? Go not to
glean in another field,
neither pass from hence,
but abide here fast by
my maidens. [9]Let thine
eyes be on the field that
they do reap, and go thou
after them; have I not
charged the young men
that they shall not touch
thee? and when thou art
athirst, go unto the ves-
sels, and drink of that
which the young men
have drawn.' [10]Then she
fell on her face, and
bowed down to the ground,
and said unto him: 'Why
have I found favour in
thy sight, that thou
shouldest take cognizance
of me, seeing I am a for-
eigner?' [11]And Boaz an-
swered and said unto
her: 'It hath fully been
told me, all that thou
hast done unto thy
mother-in-law since the
death of thy husband;
and how thou hast left
thy father and thy mother,
and the land of thy na-
tivity, and art come unto
a people that thou knew-
est not heretofore. [12]The
LORD recompense thy
work, and be thy reward
complete from the LORD,
the God of Israel, under
whose wings thou art
come to take refuge.'
[13]Then she said: 'Let me
find favour in thy sight,
my lord; for that thou
hast comforted me, and
for that thou hast spoken
to the heart of thy hand-
maid, though I be not as
one of thy handmaidens.'
[14]And Boaz said unto her
at meal-time: 'Come
hither, and eat of the
bread, and dip thy morsel
in the vinegar.' And she
sat beside the reapers;
and they reached her
parched corn, and she did
eat and was satisfied, and
left thereof. [15]And when
she was risen up to glean,
Boaz commanded his
young men, saying: 'Let
her glean even among the
sheaves, and put her not
to shame. [16]And also pull
out some for her of pur-
pose from the bundles,
and leave it, and let her
glean, and rebuke her
not.' [17]So she gleaned in
the field until even; and
she beat out that which
she had gleaned, and it
was about an ephah of
barley. [18]And she took it
up, and went into the

city; and her mother-in-
law saw what she had
gleaned; and she brought
forth and gave to her
that which she had left
after she was satisfied.
[19]And her mother-in-law
said unto her: 'Where
hast thou gleaned to-day?
and where wroughtest
thou? blessed be he that
did take knowledge of
thee.' And she told her
mother-in-law with whom
she had wrought, and
said: 'The man's name
with whom I wrought to-
day is Boaz.' [20]And
Naomi said unto her
daughter-in-law: 'Bless-
ed be he of the LORD, who
hath not left off His kind-
ness to the living and to
the dead.' And Naomi
said unto her: 'The man
is nigh of kin unto us,
one of our near kinsmen.'
[21]And Ruth the Moabitess
said: 'Yea, he said unto
me: Thou shalt keep fast
by my young men, until
they have ended all my
harvest.' [22]And Naomi
said unto Ruth her
daughter-in-law: 'It is
good, my daughter, that
thou go out with his
maidens, and that thou be
not met in any other
field.' [23]So she kept fast
by the maidens of Boaz
to glean unto the end of
barley harvest and of
wheat harvest; and she
dwelt with her mother-
in-law.

3 And Naomi her mother-
in-law said unto her:
'My daughter, shall I not
seek rest for thee, that it
may be well with thee?
[2]And now is there not
Boaz our kinsman, with
whose maidens thou wast?
Behold, he winnoweth
barley to-night in the
threshing-floor. [3]Wash
thyself therefore, and
anoint thee, and put thy
raiment upon thee, and
get thee down to the
threshing-floor; but make
not thyself known unto
the man, until he shall
have done eating and
drinking. [4]And it shall
be, when he lieth down,
that thou shalt mark the
place where he shall lie,
and thou shalt go in, and
uncover his feet, and lay
thee down; and he will
tell thee what thou shalt
do.' [5]And she said unto
her: 'All that thou sayest
unto me I will do.' [6]And
she went down unto the
threshing-floor, and did
according to all that her
mother-in-law bade her.
[7]And when Boaz had
eaten and drunk, and his
heart was merry, he went
to lie down at the end of

the heap of corn; and she
came softly, and un-
covered his feet, and laid
her down. 8And it came
to pass at midnight, that
the man was startled, and
turned himself; and, be-
hold, a woman lay at his
feet. 9And he said: 'Who
art thou?' And she an-
swered: 'I am Ruth thy
handmaid; spread there-
fore thy skirt over thy
handmaid; for thou art a
near kinsman.' 10And he
said: 'Blessed be thou of
the LORD, my daughter;
thou hast shown more
kindness in the end than
at the beginning, inas-
much as thou didst not
follow the young men,
whether poor or rich.
11And now, my daughter,
fear not; I will do to thee
all that thou sayest; for
all the men in the gate of
my people do know that
thou art a virtuous
woman. 12And now it is
true that I am a near
kinsman; howbeit there
is a kinsman nearer than
I. 13Tarry this night, and
it shall be in the morn-
ing, that if he will per-
form unto thee the part
of a kinsman, well; let
him do the kinsman's
part; but if he be not
willing to do the part of
a kinsman to thee, then
will I do the part of a
kinsman to thee, as the
LORD liveth; lie down
until the morning.' 14And
she lay at his feet until
the morning; and she
rose up before one could
discern another. For he
said: 'Let it not be
known that the woman
came to the threshing-
floor.' 15And he said:
'Bring the mantle that is
upon thee, and hold it';
and she held it; and he
measured six measures of
barley, and laid it on her;
and he went into the city.
16And when she came to
her mother-in-law, she
said: 'Who art thou, my
daughter?' And she told
her all that the man had
done to her. 17And she
said: 'These six measures
of barley gave he me; for
he said to me: Go not
empty unto thy mother-
in-law.' 18Then said she:
'Sit still, my daughter,
until thou know how the
matter will fall; for the
man will not rest, until
he have finished the thing
this day.'

4 Now Boaz went up to
the gate, and sat him
down there; and, behold,
the near kinsman of
whom Boaz spoke came
by; unto whom he said:
'Ho, such a one! turn

aside, sit down here.'
And he turned aside,
and sat down. [2]And he
took ten men of the elders
of the city, and said:
'Sit ye down here.' And
they sat down. [3]And he
said unto the near kins-
man: 'Naomi, that is
come back out of the field
of Moab, selleth the
parcel of land, which was
our brother Elimelech's;
[4]and I thought to disclose
it unto thee, saying: Buy
it before them that sit
here, and before the
elders of my people. If
thou wilt redeem it, re-
deem it; but if it will not
be redeemed, then tell me,
that I may know; for
there is none to redeem
it beside thee; and I am
after thee.' And he said:
'I will redeem it.' [5]Then
said Boaz: 'What day
thou buyest the field of
the hand of Naomi—hast
thou also bought of Ruth
the Moabitess, the wife
of the dead, to raise up
the name of the dead
upon his inheritance?'
[6]And the near kinsman
said: 'I cannot redeem it
for myself, lest I mar
mine own inheritance;
take thou my right of re-
demption on thee; for I
cannot redeem it.'—[7]Now
this was the custom in
former time in Israel con-
cerning redeeming and
concerning exchanging, to
confirm all things: a man
drew off his shoe, and
gave it to his neighbour;
and this was the attesta-
tion in Israel.—[8]So the
near kinsman said unto
Boaz: 'Buy it for thyself.'
And he drew off his shoe.
[9]And Boaz said unto the
elders, and unto all the
people: 'Ye are witnesses
this day, that I have
bought all that was Elim-
elech's, and all that was
Chilion's and Mahlon's, of
the hand of Naomi.
[10]Moreover Ruth the
Moabitess, the wife of
Mahlon, have I acquired
to be my wife, to raise up
the name of the dead
upon his inheritance, that
the name of the dead be
not cut off from among
his brethren, and from
the gate of his place; ye
are witnesses this day.'
[11]And all the people that
were in the gate, and the
elders, said: 'We are
witnesses. The LORD
make the woman that is
come into thy house like
Rachel and like Leah,
which two did build the
house of Israel; and do
thou worthily in Ephrath,
and be famous in Beth-
lehem; [12]and let thy house

be like the house of Perez,
whom Tamar bore unto
Judah, of the seed which
the LORD shall give thee
of this young woman.'
[13]So Boaz took Ruth, and
she became his wife; and
he went in unto her, and
the LORD gave her con-
ception, and she bore a
son. [14]And the women
said unto Naomi: 'Blessed
be the LORD, who hath
not left thee this day
without a near kinsman,
and let his name be
famous in Israel. [15]And
he shall be unto thee a
restorer of life, and a
nourisher of thine old
age; for thy daughter-in-
law, who loveth thee, who
is better to thee than
seven sons, hath borne
him.' [16]And Naomi took
the child, and laid it in
her bosom, and became
nurse unto it. [17]And the
women her neighbours
gave it a name, saying:
'There is a son born to
Naomi'; and they called
his name Obed; he is the
father of Jesse, the father
of David.

ECCLESIASTES

12 REMEMBER then thy
Creator in the days
of thy youth,
Before the evil days
come,
And the years draw
nigh, when thou shalt
say:
'I have no pleasure in
them';
[2]Before the sun, and the
light, and the moon,
And the stars, are
darkened,
And the clouds return
after the rain;
[3]In the day when the
keepers of the house
shall tremble,
And the strong men
shall bow themselves,
And the grinders cease
because they are few,
And those that look out
shall be darkened in
the windows,
[4]And the doors shall be
shut in the street,
When the sound of the
grinding is low;
And one shall start up
at the voice of a bird,
And all the daughters
of music shall be
brought low;
[5]Also when they shall be
afraid of that which
is high,

And terrors shall be in
the way;
And the almond-tree
shall blossom,
And the grasshopper
shall drag itself
along,
And the caperberry
shall fail;
Because man goeth to
his long home,
And the mourners go
about the streets;
[6]Before the silver cord
is snapped asunder,
And the golden bowl is
shattered,
And the pitcher is
broken at the fountain,
And the wheel falleth
shattered into the pit;
[7]And the dust returneth
to the earth as it was,
And the spirit returneth unto God who
gave it.
[8]Vanity of vanities, saith
Koheleth;
All is vanity.

EZRA

9 [5]AND at the evening offering I arose up from my fasting, even with my garment and my mantle rent; and I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God; [6]and I said: 'O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens. [7]Since the days of our fathers we have been exceeding guilty unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to spoiling, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. [8]And now for a little moment grace hath been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in His holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. [9]For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to

repair the ruins thereof,
and to give us a fence in
Judah and in Jerusalem.
[10]And now, O our God,
what shall we say after
this? for we have for-
saken Thy command-
ments, [11]which Thou hast
commanded by Thy serv-
ants the prophets, say-
ing: The land, unto
which ye go to possess
it, is an unclean land
through the uncleanness
of the peoples of the
lands, through their
abominations, wherewith
they have filled it from
one end to another in
their filthiness. [12]Now
therefore give not your
daughters unto their sons,
neither take their daugh-
ters unto your sons, nor
seek their peace or their
prosperity for ever; that
ye may be strong, and eat
the good of the land, and
leave it for an inheritance
to your children for ever.
[13]And after all that is
come upon us for our evil
deeds, and for our great
guilt, seeing that Thou
our God hast punished us
less than our iniquities
deserve, and hast given
us such a remnant, [14]shall
we again break Thy com-
mandments, and make
marriages with the peo-
ples that do these abom-
inations? wouldest not
Thou be angry with us
till Thou hadst consumed
us, so that there should
be no remnant, nor any
to escape? [15]O LORD, the
God of Israel, Thou art
righteous; for we are left
a remnant that is escaped,
as it is this day; behold,
we are before Thee in our
guiltiness; for none can
stand before Thee be-
cause of this.'

10 Now while Ezra
prayed, and made
confession, weeping and
casting himself down be-
fore the house of God,
there was gathered to-
gether unto him out of
Israel a very great con-
gregation of men and
women and children; for
the people wept very
sore. [2]And Shecaniah the
son of Jehiel, one of the
sons of Elam, answered
and said unto Ezra: 'We
have broken faith with
our God, and have married
foreign women of the
peoples of the land; yet
now there is hope for
Israel concerning this
thing. [3]Now therefore let
us make a covenant with
our God to put away all
the wives, and such as
are born of them, accord-
ing to the counsel of the
LORD, and of those that

tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. [4]Arise; for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we are with thee; be of good courage, and do it.'

[5]Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they swore. [6]Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib; and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the faithlessness of them of the captivity. [7]And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; [8]and that whosoever came not within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of the captivity.

[9]Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the broad place before the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain. [10]And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them: 'Ye have broken faith, and have married foreign women, to increase the guilt of Israel. [11]Now therefore make confession unto the LORD, the God of your fathers, and do His pleasure; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the foreign women.' [12]Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice: 'As thou hast said, so it is for us to do. [13]But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter. [14]Let now our princes of all the congregation stand, and let all them that are in our cities that have married foreign women come at appointed times, and

with them the elders of
every city, and the judges
thereof, until the fierce
wrath of our God be
turned from us, as touch-
ing this matter.' [15]Only
Jonathan the son of
Asahel and Jahzeiah the
son of Tikvah stood up
against this matter; and
Meshullam and Shab-
bethai the Levite helped
them. [16]And the children
of the captivity did so.
And Ezra the priest, with
certain heads of fathers'
houses, after their fathers'
houses, and all of them
by their names, were sep-
arated; and they sat
down in the first day of
the tenth month to ex-
amine the matter. [17]And
they were finished with
all the men that had
married foreign women
by the first day of the
first month.

NEHEMIAH

1 Now it came to pass in
the month Chislev, in
the twentieth year, as I
was in Shushan the castle,
[2]that Hanani, one of my
brethren, came out of
Judah, he and certain
men; and I asked them
concerning the Jews that
had escaped, that were
left of the captivity, and
concerning Jerusalem.
[3]And they said unto me:
'The remnant that are
left of the captivity there
in the province are in
great affliction and re-
proach; the wall of Jeru-
salem also is broken
down, and the gates
thereof are burned with
fire.' [4]And it came to
pass, when I heard these
words, that I sat down
and wept, and mourned
certain days; and I fasted
and prayed before the
God of heaven, [5]and said:
'I beseech Thee, O LORD,
the God of heaven, the
great and awful God, that
keepeth covenant and
mercy with them that
love Him and keep His
commandments; [6]let Thine
ear now be attentive, and
Thine eyes open, that
Thou mayest hearken
unto the prayer of Thy
servant, which I pray be-
fore Thee at this time,
day and night, for the
children of Israel Thy
servants, while I confess
the sins of the children of
Israel, which we have

sinned against Thee; yea, I and my father's house have sinned. [7]We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which Thou didst command Thy servant Moses. [8]Remember, I beseech Thee, the word that Thou didst command Thy servant Moses, saying: If ye deal treacherously, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples; [9]but if ye return unto Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though your dispersed were in the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to cause My name to dwell there. [10]Now these are Thy servants and Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy great power, and by Thy strong hand. [11]O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant, and to the prayer of Thy servants, who delight to fear Thy name; and prosper, I pray Thee, Thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.' Now I was cupbearer to the king.

2 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, when wine was before him, that I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. [2]And the king said unto me: 'Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart.' Then I was very sore afraid. [3]And I said unto the king: 'Let the king live for ever; why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?' [4]Then the king said unto me: 'For what dost thou make request?' So I prayed to the God of heaven. [5]And I said unto the king: 'If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.' [6]And the king said unto me, the queen

also sitting by him: 'For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return?' So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.
[7]Moreover I said unto the king: 'If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the River, that they may let me pass through till I come unto Judah;
[8]and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's park, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the castle which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into.' And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.
[9]Then I came to the governors beyond the River, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. [10]And when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, for that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. [11]So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days.' [12]And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God put into my heart to do for Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. [13]And I went out by night by the valley gate, even toward the dragon's well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with fire.
[14]Then I went on to the fountain gate and to the king's pool; but there was no place for the beast that was under me to pass. [15]Then went I up in the night in the valley, and viewed the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the valley gate, and so returned. [16]And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the prfests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.
[17]Then said I unto them: 'Ye see the evil case that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire; come and let us

build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach.' [18]And I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also of the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said: 'Let us rise up and build.' So they strengthened their hands for the good work. [19]But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said: 'What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?' [20]Then answered I them, and said unto them: 'The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build; but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.'

FIRST CHRONICLES

29 [10]WHEREFORE David blessed the LORD before all the congregation; and David said: 'Blessed be Thou, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. [11]Thine, O LORD, is the greatness. and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and Thou art exalted as head above all. [12]Both riches and honour come of Thee, and Thou rulest over all; and in Thy hand is power and might; and in Thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. [13]Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name. [14]But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee. [15]For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding. [16]O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build Thee a house for Thy holy name cometh of Thy hand, and is all Thine

own. [17]I know also, my
God, that Thou triest the
heart, and hast pleasure
in uprightness. As for
me, in the uprightness of
my heart I have willingly
offered all these things;
and now have I seen with
joy Thy people, that are
present here, offer willingly unto Thee. [18]O
LORD, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of
Israel, our fathers, keep
this for ever, even the
imagination of the
thoughts of the heart of
Thy people, and direct
their heart unto Thee;
[19]and give unto Solomon
my son a whole heart,
to keep Thy commandments, Thy testimonies,
and Thy statutes, and to
do all these things, and
to build the palace, for
which I have made provision.'

SECOND CHRONICLES

6 THEN spoke Solomon:
The LORD hath said
that He would dwell
in the thick darkness.
[2]But I have built Thee
a house of habitation,
And a place for Thee
to dwell in for ever.
[3]And the king turned his
face, and blessed all the
congregation of Israel;
and all the congregation
of Israel stood. [4]And he
said: [5]Blessed be the
LORD, the God of Israel,
who spoke with His
mouth unto David my
father, and hath with
His hands fulfilled it,
saying: [6]Since the day
that I brought forth My
people out of the land of
Egypt, I chose no city
out of all the tribes of
Israel to build a house in,
that My name might be
there; neither chose I
any man to be prince
over My people Israel;
[7]but I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name
might be there; and have
chosen David to be over
My people Israel. [8]Now
it was in the heart of
David my father to build
a house for the name of
the LORD, the God of
Israel. [9]But the LORD
said unto David my
father: Whereas it was
in thy heart to build a
house for My name, thou
didst well that it was in
thy heart; [10]nevertheless
thou shalt not build the

house, but thy son that
shall come forth out of
thy loins, he shall build
the house for My name.
[10]And the LORD hath es-
tablished His word that
He spoke; for I am risen
up in the room of David
my father, and sit on the
throne of Israel, as the
LORD promised, and have
built the house for the
name of the LORD, the
God of Israel. [11]And
there have I set the ark,
wherein is the covenant
of the LORD, which He
made with the children of
Israel.'

[12]And he stood before
the altar of the LORD in
the presence of all the
congregation of Israel,
and spread forth his
hands—[13]for Solomon had
made a brazen scaffold,
of five cubits long, and
five cubits broad, and
three cubits high, and
had set it in the midst
of the court; and upon it
he stood, and kneeled
down upon his knees be-
fore all the congregation
of Israel, and spread forth
his hands toward heaven
—[14]and he said: 'O LORD,
the God of Israel, there is
no God like Thee, in the
heaven, or in the earth;
who keepest covenant and
mercy with Thy servants,
that walk before Thee
with all their heart; [15]who
hast kept with Thy serv-
ant David my father
that which Thou didst
promise him; yea, Thou
spokest with Thy mouth,
and hast fulfilled it with
Thy hand, as it is this
day. [16]Now therefore, O
LORD, the God of Israel,
keep with Thy servant
David my father that
which Thou hast promised
him, saying: There shall
not fail thee a man in My
sight to sit on the throne
of Israel; if only thy
children take heed to
their way, to walk in My
law as thou hast walked
before Me. [17]Now there-
fore, O LORD, the God of
Israel, let Thy word be
verified, which Thou
spokest unto Thy servant
David.

[18]But will God in very
truth dwell with men on
the earth? behold, heaven
and the heaven of heavens
cannot contain Thee; how
much less this house
which I have builded!
[19]Yet have Thou respect
unto the prayer of Thy
servant, and to his sup-
plication, O LORD my God,
to hearken unto the cry
and to the prayer which
Thy servant prayeth be-
fore Thee; [20]that Thine

eyes may be open toward
this house day and night,
even toward the place
whereof Thou hast said
that Thou wouldest put
Thy name there; to
hearken unto the prayer
which Thy servant shall
pray toward this place.
[21]And hearken Thou to
the supplications of Thy
servant, and of Thy peo-
ple Israel, when they
shall pray toward this
place; yea, hear Thou
from Thy dwelling-place,
even from heaven; and
when Thou hearest, for-
give.
[22]If a man sin against
his neighbour, and an
oath be exacted of him
to cause him to swear,
and he come and swear
before Thine altar in this
house; [23]then hear Thou
from heaven, and do, and
judge Thy servants, re-
quiting the wicked, to
bring his way upon his
own head; and justifying
the righteous, to give him
according to his right-
eousness.
[24]And if Thy people
Israel be smitten down
before the enemy, when
they sin against Thee,
and shall turn again and
confess Thy name, and
pray and make supplica-
tion before Thee in this
house; [25]then hear Thou
from heaven, and forgive
the sin of Thy people
Israel, and bring them
back unto the land which
Thou gavest to them and
to their fathers.
[26]When the heaven is
shut up, and there is no
rain, when they sin
against Thee; if they
pray toward this place,
and confess Thy name,
turning from their sin,
when Thou dost afflict
them; [27]then hear Thou
in heaven, and forgive the
sin of Thy servants, and
of Thy people Israel,
when Thou dost direct
them on the good way
wherein they should walk;
and send rain upon Thy
land, which Thou hast
given to Thy people for
an inheritance.
[28]If there be in the land
famine, if there be pes-
tilence, if there be blast-
ing or mildew, locust or
caterpillar; if their en-
emies besiege them in the
land of their cities;
whatsoever plague or
whatsoever sickness there
be; [29]what prayer and
supplication soever be
made by any man, or by
all Thy people Israel, who
shall know every man his
own plague and his own
pain, and shall spread

forth his hands toward
this house; [30]then hear
Thou from heaven Thy
dwelling-place, and for-
give, and render unto
every man according to
all his ways, whose heart
Thou knowest—for Thou,
even Thou only, knowest
the hearts of the children
of men—[31]that they may
fear Thee, to walk in Thy
ways, all the days that
they live in the land
which Thou gavest unto
our fathers.

[32]Moreover concerning
the stranger, that is not
of Thy people Israel,
when he shall come out
of a far country for Thy
great name's sake, and
Thy mighty hand, and
Thine outstretched arm;
when they shall come and
pray toward this house;
[33]then hear Thou from
heaven, even from Thy
dwelling-place, and do
according to all that the
stranger calleth to Thee
for; that all the peoples
of the earth may know
Thy name, and fear Thee,
as doth Thy people Israel,
and that they may know
that Thy name is called
upon this house which I
have built.

[34]If Thy people go out
to battle against their
enemies, by whatsoever
way Thou shalt send
them, and they pray unto
Thee toward this city
which Thou hast chosen,
and the house which I
have built for Thy name;
[35]then hear Thou from
heaven their prayer and
their supplication, and
maintain their cause. [36]If
they sin against Thee—for
there is no man that
sinneth not—and Thou be
angry with them, and de-
liver them to the enemy,
so that they carry them
away captive unto a land
far off or near; [37]yet if
they shall bethink them-
selves in the land whither
they are carried captive,
and turn, and make sup-
plication unto Thee in the
land of their captivity,
saying: We have sinned,
we have done iniquitously,
and have dealt wickedly;
[38]if they return unto Thee
with all their heart and
with all their soul in the
land of their captivity,
whither they have carried
them captive, and pray
toward their land, which
Thou gavest unto their
fathers, and the city
which Thou hast chosen,
and toward the house
which I have built for
Thy name; [39]then hear
Thou from heaven, even
from Thy dwelling-place,

their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause; and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee.

40 Now, O my God, let, I beseech Thee, Thine eyes be open, and let Thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place.

41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into Thy resting-place,
Thou, and the ark of Thy strength;
Let Thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation,
And let Thy saints rejoice in good.

42 O LORD God, turn not away the face of Thine anointed;
Remember the good deeds of David Thy servant.'